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DX-ful Season's Greetings!

PHOTO-NEWS

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Jeff Kadet - Macomb Illinois. Equipment: ICOM D7000 with video adapter; Zenith N1330 13" color set. Screened Channel Master T dish and RDX UA-900 UHF preamp. Feed is .500" aluminum hardline, antenna up 45 feet. Channel Master 2110 Quantum with Winsound PA-9775 VHF preamp, feed is .500" aluminum hardline, antenna up 50 feet. Winsound S element lo-band pair (vertically polarized) with RG-11 feed, antenna up 15 feet. Camera: Canon AE-1 with a 90mm macro lens set at f6.3, using 100 100 ASA color print film.

W67AO

Iron Mountain
Michigan

390 mile trope

seen March 27, 1993

at 2010 CDT



CM??-2

(city unknown)
Cuba

1200+ mile E-skip

seen June 9, 1993

at 1700 CST



W67CO

Huntsville
Alabama

455 mile trope

seen June 26, 1993

at 2100 CST



More from Jeff next month.

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Abbreviations used in this column:
ERP= Effective Radiated Power in kW
HAAT= Height Above Avg. Terrain (m)

nc= no change
TL= Tower Location
CP= Construction Permit
Pr= Province (of Canada)
*= Non-commercial
CRTC=Canadian Radio-Television
Commission
DBS= Direct Broadcast Satellite

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

St	Ch	ERP	HAAT	City:	Applicant
AB	13	4		Athabasca;	
CA	54	5000	507	CFRN-3	
				Calipatria;	
				Valley TV 4	
(this is in the Imperial Valley, about 180km east of San Diego)					
HI	44	303	580	Honolulu;	
				Ha'Ona'Auao	
				Community TV	

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED FOR NEW STATIONS

Pr	Ch	City:	Applicant
NS	34	New Glasgow;	MITV
NS	10	Sherburne;	MITV
NS	11	Sydney;	MITV
NS	45	Yarmouth;	MITV

APPLICATIONS TO MODIFY CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

St	Ch	ERP	HAAT	Call	City
FL	67	504	60	WHBI	L.Worth
					(was 1700kW/150m)
NY	48	12.2	166	WYDC	Coming
					(was 136kW/129m)

APPLICATIONS TO MODIFY CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

St Ch ERP HAAT Call City
VA 24 1143 107 WPAJ Danville
(was 5000kW/30m)

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE EXISTING STATIONS

St	Ch	ERP	HAAT	Call	City
MA	62	nc	186	WMFP	Lawrence
					(was 198m)
MI	45	70.14	nc	WGKU	Vanderbilt
					(was 153.2kW)
SD	9	45.62	202	KBHE	Rapid City
					(was 39.8kW/198m)
WI	32	1050	338	WXGZ	Appleton
					(was 1070kW/363m)
WI	48	70	149	WEUX	Chippewa Falls
					(was 60.3kW/98m)

MODIFICATIONS GRANTED TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

St	Ch	ERP	HAAT	Call	City
MT	11	125	nc	*KUFM	Missoula
					(was 280kW)
NC	62	11.9	337	WASV	Asheville
					(was 8.51kW/46m)
TX	51	2560	nc	KNWS	Katy
					(was 2570kW- big change, huh?)

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Was	Now
WTRT	WYLE-26 Florence, AL
KXIV-TV	KJZZ-TV 14 Salt Lake City, UT

STATION BACK ON THE AIR

Fort Walton Beach, FL; WPAN 53Z 3090kW/219m
TL 30°24'9"N, 86°59'35"W
about 20-25km E of Pensacola in western Okaloosa Co.
Seen by Matt Sittel & Jeff Kruszka in mid-November. ValueVision (home shopping) affiliate.

OTHER STUFF

The two U.S. new station applications above are actually listed as feet above average terrain but I believe that's a typo. These are also the first new station applications in quite some time. KXIV=>KJZZ is a correction; I had it as KJJZ last month.

A HDTV standard has been set. The "Grand Alliance" of HDTV system developers has agreed on a 1080-line interlaced picture, and an alternative progressively scanned picture at 720 lines. Audio is to use the 6-channel Dolby AC-3 system. And the entire data stream is to use the MPEG-2 compression system to save bandwidth. A RF transmission standard has not yet been set. A final proposal should be ready for the FCC late next year.

Fifth and sixth TV networks are imminent. Warner Brothers is teaming with Tribune and Gaylord to form one network, including:

KHTV-39	Houston, TX
KOFY-20	San Francisco, CA
KTCA-5	Los Angeles, CA
KTVT-11	Dallas, TX
KTVW-11	Seattle, WA
KWGN-2	Denver, CO
WDZL-39	Miami, FL
WGNO-26	New Orleans, LA
WGNX-46	Atlanta, GA
WLVI-56	Boston, MA
WPDX-11	New York, NY
WVTV-18	Milwaukee, WI

Paramount and Chris-Craft are responsible for the second network; it includes:

KBHK-44	San Francisco, CA
KCOP-13	Los Angeles, CA
KMSP-9	Minneapolis, MN
KPTV-12	Portland, OR
KTXA-21	Dallas, TX
KTXH-20	Houston, TX
WDCA-20	Washington, DC
WPWR-50	Chicago, IL
WTXF-29	Philadelphia, PA
WUAB-43	Cleveland, OH
WWOR-9	New York, NY

WXMT-30 Nashville, TN

Just to show how bad you really have to be to get in serious trouble with the FCC... KARW-AM Longview, Texas faces a \$250,000 fine and a license renewal hearing over three violations. #1: the station filed a renewal application on behalf of someone who'd been dead for three months. #2: the person who signed the application had no authority to do so. #3: the current operators of KARW won't tell the FCC who controls the station or how they got control!

Arbitron announced in late October that they're getting out of the TV ratings business. The move leaves Nielsen the only firm doing TV ratings. What this will do to several FCC regulations dependant on Arbitron figures- or to the Arbitron numbers published in the *Television Factbook* is unknown.

ValueVision Inc., which operates a home-shopping network and a number of LPTVs carrying it, has purchased three UHF TV stations. The stations acquired are WTWS-26 New London, CT; WTKK-66 Manassas, VA (Washington, DC); and KRTW-57 Baytown, TX. (Houston)

The retransmission-consent war in Corpus Christi is still unresolved. None of the "big 3" network affiliates there is on the TCI cable system. Wireless-cable firm Omnidvision, which pays cash for retransmission consent, says it's had a 35% increase in subscribership since the deadline. See Neil Griffin's item for information on retransmission-consent problems in Kirksville, MO.

Roy H. Park has died at age 83. Park, who lived in Ithaca, NY, owned a long list of radio and TV stations, mostly in the South. He was the first person to purchase the (at the time) legal limit of 7 each AM, FM, and TV stations in 1977.

Boston University has purchased WCVX-58 Vineyard Haven, Mass. Presumably the station will become a satellite of WQTV-68, also recently purchased by the University. Also sold was the construction permit for WYDC-48 Corning, NY. This station had been owned by religious group owner Cornerstone Television; the new owner has no other TV stations.

In Canada, the owners of CHSJ-4 and its rebroadcasters have proposed, pending CRTC approval, to sell to the CBC. New Brunswick had been the only province in which the CBC owned no TV stations, though CHSJ had been a CBC affiliate. Also sold in Canada was the MITV network in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia (indeed, this network was also offered to the CBC, which couldn't afford it), to CanWest Global. This new owner now has independent TV stations in every major English-speaking Canadian market except Calgary and Edmonton.

Also in Canada, MITV's request to take over CHMT-7 (currently a CBC affiliate) and replace it with UHF stations at Moncton and Buctouche has been denied. The CRTC doesn't want CBC coverage in New Brunswick to be reduced by the UHF move. CHMT-7 is one of CHSJ-4's rebroadcasters, so it will also be becoming a CBC owned station.

LPTV WATCH

Call	St	City	programming
W05BV	MS	Starkville;	religious
K14AQ	MT	Billings;	TBN
K25BP	MT	Billings;	KSVI-6 (ABC)
K27EF	LA	Monroe;	TBN
W42??	NJ	Vineland or vicinity;	

W08CC (All News Ch.,
plus other stuff)

W52BF	AL	Mobile;	HSS
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W53AF	MS	Booneville;	local relig. & WBUY-40 (TBN)
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K67FD	LA	Shreveport;	HSC
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FORUM

Steven West, Glen Mills PA:

First, from the Oct. 14 Baltimore *Sun* Scripps-Howard, the owners of WMAR-2 there, are trying to block the sale of WNUV-54 to Glencairn Ltd. Glencairn, while theoretically controlled by Eddie Edwards Sr. (also owner of WPTT-22 Pittsburgh), is 70% owned by Mrs. Carolyn C. Smith. That's where the problem comes in- Mrs. Smith's four sons own the Sinclair Broadcast Group, which in turn owns WBFF-45, also in Baltimore. Currently, the FCC doesn't permit one entity to own more than one commercial TV station in the same city.

Mr. Edwards told the *Sun* that Scripps-Howard has complained only because the Smith brothers have filed a challenge to WMAR's license. The challenge, alleging that the Smith brothers would better serve Baltimore, was scheduled for hearing in November. (in practice, it's extremely unlikely WMAR's license would be lost, especially since no allegations of serious violations have been made)

Another item comes from the Oct. 10 Philadelphia *Inquirer* and relates to non-commercial WLVT-39 Allentown. WLVT is known as one of the nation's most successful non-commercial TV stations, with more assets than any other such station in Pennsylvania, and volunteer involvement by many of the city's more influential people.

However, there are now allegations of "shilling" in the fund-raising auctions that, as in most other places, provide so much of WLVT's finances. "Shilling" means placing fake bids on unpopular items, either to raise the final selling price or to prevent embarrassment for the donor.

While WLVT president Sheldon Siegel freely admitted he

promoted shilling, apparently word never reached the station's board of directors. When the board heard of the policy (which had ended a year previously), four members resigned in protest. Which, in turn, got the attention of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (which may withhold some part- maybe all of WLVT's 1994 grant of some \$680,000), and the FCC. (which frowns on misleading broadcasts & has fined stations thousands of dollars for similar actions)

In a separate card, Steve mentions "Another LPTV on the air. Ch. 42 from the Vineland, NJ area with W08CC programs." W08CC is licensed to Hammonton & transmits from Waterford Works; its programming includes Home Net, All-News Channel, Movie Greats Network, and other assorted stuff. Hmmm. My records only list one LPTV 42 in New Jersey, a construction permit for Cherry Hill. This is apparently something else- Fred?

John Combs, Orlando FL:

"Oh, goody...another local (grrr....)" From the Oct. 21 Orlando *Sentinel* it appears WRBW-65's signon may be imminent. Tom Meek, operations manager at WOFL-35, told the *Sentinel* "My understanding is that they have broken ground" at the tower site. The paper was unable to reach either WRBW owners Rainbow Broadcasting or the lawyer who represented them during the nearly decade-long fight for the license. As an educated guess, I'd expect it to take roughly a year to complete construction, assuming they're still installing the 465m tower shown in my most recent listing.

In 1990, when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld FCC policy of granting preferences to minority applicants (Rainbow's head is a Cuban immigrant & thus eligible for such a preference). Rainbow said the station would be a regular independent station, possibly carrying Spanish-language news.

Jeff Kruszka, Baton Rouge LA:

Jeff went on a DXpedition to Monroe & Shreveport & found some new LPTVs, listed in LPTV Watch. He also mentions that W52BF Mobile, AL is now on with Home Shopping Spree, leaving W31AQ with only Home Shopping Club. "This is the first city I've seen with both HSS and HSC. What exactly is the difference, anyway?"

Best I can tell.. Home Shopping Club is the service carried on their owned-and-operated UHF stations, the ones with "HS" in the callsigns. (as well as a number of affiliated stations) This program sells general merchandise. The phone number is 1-800-284-3200, and the little HSC house in the lower right corner of the screen is blue.

Home Shopping Spree is carried on affiliated stations. Most of the products sold are clothing or jewelry. And the phone number is 1-800-284-3400.

Just for good measure, a third home shopping service, ValueVision, is now buying full-power TV stations & signing full-power affiliates. I don't get ValueVision here, so I can't tell you how to ID their affiliates.

Elli Niemczyk, Clinton NJ:

From the October 4 Herald-News, an item of history- they noted that 50 years ago that day, TV station W2XWV, operated by DuMont Laboratories of Passaic, broadcast photographs of seven missing people. They estimated that 8,000 TVs saw the pictures. They do not say whether any of the missing people were found! W2XWV later became WABD-5, then WNEW-TV; today it's WNYW, the Fox affiliate for New York City.

And from the October 1 New York Post problems with the David Letterman show in Sioux City, Iowa.. Local CBS affiliate KMEG-14 doesn't

Falls, SD- but provisions in the Cable Act prevent cable systems from carrying only part of a TV stations' schedule after October 5.

The TV writer for the Sioux City Journal organized a rally October 6 at the abandoned former City Hall. Letterman fans were to sign petitions asking CBS to intercede & ask KMEG to carry the show. But rally organizer Bruce Miller says he's actually received more letters & calls in support of KMEG's current late-night schedule than those demanding Letterman!

TV Guide for a couple of years..."a couple of years..." Somehow I missed that one! He also confirms my observation that WHLT-22 (the CBS station on Meridian cable with WTZH off) has no local news, running WJTV-12's news from Jackson instead. Both stations have similar, distinctive, logos, with the channel numbers in a red, slanted parallelogram, like this:



John Johnson, Billings MT:

KTVO-3 is another victim of the retransmission wars. Neil wrote on October 21: "KTVO and Cablecom did not come to an agreement, so channel 3 has been replaced by the Sci-Fi Channel. Cablecom offered non-cash compensation to KTVO in the form of a second channel. However, in market 205, a second channel is not very practical. (yes, second channels really can push the budget even in top-50 markets - DS) KTVO did reach compensation agreements with several smaller systems, and granted extensions to TCI systems in the area."

"If you're looking for an antenna, don't look here. The local Radio Shack dealer is out of rabbit ears and rooftop antennas. Other dealers are doing well with fringe antennas for those who want KHQA and WGEM." (KHQA-7 Hannibal, MO and WGEM-10 Quincy, IL)

Matt Sittel, Tallahassee FL:

Matt went on a roadtrip & provided a number of LPTV notes, which appear in LPTV Watch. Otherwise: "Yes, I did see Florence (AL) 26, calls are now WYLE according to TV Guide. They were not real strong even as I checked right near the bridge going into Florence.")

He confirms my observation, on a visit to Meridian, MS, that WTZH-24 is off. "WTZH-24 has NOT been in the

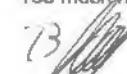
John is a new member (welcome!), and works for frequent Es target KTVO-2. John first wrote to correct my call change for KXIV-14 Salt Lake City; my reference had the new calls two different ways and I decided KJJZ was right- not a good move!

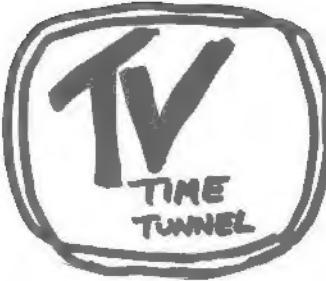
"Billings is served by one LPTV, channel 14. Trinity Broadcasting programming with a local church backing the operation. I have never seen an ID on this operation. (K14AQ according to my records) Also, channel 25 translator (K25BP) still operates here re-broadcasting KSVI channel 6. This started out being an easy way for KOUS channel 4 to get a signal into some parts of Billings. Channel 4 operated from a 650' tower 18 miles east of Billings. There are a lot of deep valleys here, 4 didn't make it into Billings too well."

"The move to 6 was a long process for them. (KOUS-4 => KSVI-6) That "6" was originally assigned to Miles City as educational." Usually the FCC won't allow moving an educational channel unless another channel can be found to replace it- looking at the allocations table, it appears KSVI's owners found a way to get channel 10 to replace 6 at Miles City.

DX ETC.

Too much news-no room!





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KFXD-TV	
Transmitter Program Schedule	
MONDAY	
1:00 PM	Test Pattern
5:00 PM	Burn off
5:00 PM	"Skyway To Mexico"
6:00 PM	"San Diego Zoo"
6:30 PM	"Twelve Million Brothers"
6:50 PM	"Operation Bootstrap"
7:00 PM	"Williamsburg Restored"
7:30 PM	"How To Drive In The City"
7:45 PM	"The Christopher" series
8:00 PM	Test Pattern
8:30 PM	Sign off

IDAHO'S FIRST TV STATION

Who was first? In virtually all facets of North American broadcasting, that's subject to great debate. As to who was first in Idaho television, very few know the correct answer; including broadcasters!

Most believe KTVB (KIDQ-tv) to have been first, and each year on their anniversary they [KTVB] promote themselves as Idaho's oldest tv station and at times have stated incorrectly that they were the first.

In reality the first television operation in the state was an experimental operation that Idaho State University ran from September to December 1941 on 144 mHz with 15 to 20 watts. The first tv station in the post-freeze era was the short-lived KFXD, channel 6, in Nampa.

When the 'freeze' was lifted in 1952, Idaho broadcasters scrambled for construction permits and equipment; and wound up in a contest to be 'first'. In December of 1952 KIDQ was granted the first op for channel 7 in Boise. Right on their heels, KGEM Boise got channel 9, KOSH in Meridian nabbed channel 2 (transferred to Boise in 1955), and KFXD picked up 6 in Nampa. KID in Idaho Falls was also granted a op (1953) and went on the air as the states' 4th station in December of that year.

Getting back to the 'who's on first' aspect of this report, we return to the spring of 1953 when KGEM announced they would not be able to get on the air until early 1954 (the station never went on due to financial problems and was deleted in 1954). KOSH also reported they would not be able to be on until fall; and began regular operation on Thanksgiving Day 1953. This left the race between KIDQ and KFXD.

Newspaper accounts from the spring and early summer of 1953 implied that KIDQ was leading the pack. In fact they were heavily promoting a July startup for channel 7. But...from seemingly out of nowhere...an announcement from KFXD on June 14 or 15 caught everyone by surprise. KFXD-tv would begin operation on June 18!

According to a short article in the 6/19/53 IDAHO STATESMAN, the first KFXD-tv transmission started at 1:10 PM June 18, consisting of two different test patterns for about five hours. Reception was reported to be good in Boise and Nampa and even as far away as Weiser. After 10 days of running test patterns, KFXD began regular programming on June 29.

Meanwhile, KIDQ stated that they were planning to stay on schedule; and that they would not sign on until they could provide a full service operation. They followed through on that promise on July 13; offering local originations along with selected programming from the NBC, CBS, ABC and DuMont networks. Oddly enough, KFXD was unable to secure ANY network contracts...a likely factor in its untimely demise.

While most of KIDQ-tv's equipment was commercially manufactured; the gear at KFXD was a hodgepodge including a prototype Gates transmitter and a significant amount of equipment designed and built by their engineering department.

"TV TIME TUNNEL" - Idaho's First TV Station - continued...

Frank's initial research on this topic began about 20 years ago at which time he interviewed officials from KTVB and KBOI-tv. There was a consensus that the early KFXD-tv equipment was mostly home-brew, including the transmitting antenna consisting of two dipoles made of chicken wire! Their transmitter power was around 500 watts and the site was near Deer Point where the present TV/FM antenna farm is located. The channel 6 transmitter was taken up to the 'mountain' in a trailer; and power was supplied by a generator. Connection to the studio site at KFXD radio (south of Meridian) was made by phone line. Contrary to printed reports the old-timers recalled that KFXD transmissions were received poorly in Boise (16 miles SW of the xmt) and barely at all in Nampa.

The conflicting information as to signal strength is significant to the extent that the article in the IDAHO STATESMAN placed the transmitter on Schaeffer Butte (7500 Ft.) as opposed to 7100 Ft. at the Deer Point location suggested by the KBOI and KTVB officials. Frank notes that the Schaeffer Butte location makes more sense as phone and power lines would have been more accessible. There is also reason to believe that KFXD's actual power might have been more than 500 watts. The newspaper article noted that tv watchers in 'the valley' had received KFXD-tv transmissions but were disappointed at seeing only a test pattern instead of regular programming.

The channel 6 program schedule was typical of many early non-network operations. 1-5 PM, test pattern; 5-6 PM, off the air; 6-6:01 PM, sign on; 6:01 PM, "Skyway to Mexico"; 6:20 PM, "San Diego Zoo"; 6:30 PM "Twelve Million Brothers"; 6:50 PM, "Operation Bootstrap"; 7 PM, "Williamsburg Restored"; 7:30 PM, "How To Drive In The City" (they need to revive that here in Nashville..hi..tjb); 7:45 PM, "The Christopher" (religious); 8 PM, test pattern; 9 PM, sign off.

The preceding paragraph tells us quite a bit about why KFXD didn't survive. Even if one overlooked KFXD's terrible program lineup, KIDQ had a big edge in technical muscle. Their transmitter was situated on a rim just above the city (Boise) [moved to the Deer Point antenna farm in 1956]; and with 55,000 watts they literally blew channel 6 off the dial!

Although there was little publicity about the startup of KFXD-tv, the media (at least the IDAHO STATESMAN) blew out the stops to herald the arrival of KIDQ-tv. A Feature article on the new channel 7 facility looked more like an advertisement...consisting of several pages of photos and text.

It was this combination of adverse factors that led to an August 12, 1953 announcement from KFXD-tv manager Edward Hurt stating that the station was leaving the air...less than 2 months after its inauguration. No explanation was given, however Hurt added that the station would not return to the air...at least for several months.

In early 1954 it was reported that channel 6 had been sold and would be rebuilt with new equipment. The report also stated that new call letters had been assigned and that the station would return to the air as KIVI. Those statements proved to be erroneous as the operation did not come back as promised...and the construction permit was dropped in October 1954. According to BROADCASTING YEARBOOK, the channel was not re-activated until 20 years later when it finally returned as KIVI...a full-power ABC affiliate...in 1974.

Frank concludes by saying, "It is unfortunate that there is so little known about KFXD-tv. As far as I have found, none of the principal people with KFXD at the time are alive today. I checked several years ago (with the WFTA) to see if any of the early DXers had seen the station by skip, and the result was nil. As for what the KFXD-tv ID slides and test patterns looked like...we may never know. I will continue to do more research on the station."

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December 1993

Mother Nature has been fooling us this fall, with below average temperatures and tropo. Sporadic E-skip was reported in September and October, with October 25th m.u.f. in the FM band! Does this promise a great winter Es season? December 20th-22nd usually brings a decent opening. Stay tuned to this column for further updates!

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October 1993

5 tr 1905 WPTD-16 OH (t)
9 tr 0754 WUNP-36 NC (195)
0827 WLFL-22 NC (251)
0915 WYED-17 NC (248)
15 tr 1915 WYOU-22 PA (t)
16 tr 0931 Raleigh U's

October 1993

16 tr 0932 WKFT-40 NC (265)
WNID-40+
0935 WCNC-36 NC (t)
17 tr 0900 WNEP-16 PA (t)
23 Es 1015 UNID-3
25 tr 0659 WKFT-40 NC (265)
26 tr 0212 WAAP-16 NC (251)

Robert Seybold, 76 East 6th Street, Dunkirk, New York 14140

There has been some tropes since late September up until October 16th, when I am compiling this report. Early to the middle of September did not bring much tropes. I did see the new channel 16 located in western Ontario, but I forgot its call letters and location. Recent tropes include: September 30 - evening - Roanoke, VA on channels 15 and 38, WTMW-14 DC, Harrisburg on 21 & 27, 15, 33 & 43 from the same area!, Scranton U's, WDCA-20 DC, WETA-26 DC, 22 & 67 Maryland Public TV, WNAC-64 RI, WDPB-64 DE, WTWS-26 CT, W42AC Front Royal, VA., W32BA VA, W63AF Woodstock, VA, WNAC-53 Atlantic City, NJ, Chs. 22 & 33 Burlington, VT, Indiana U's 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 28, 33, 34, 46, 55, Cadillac, MI on 9 & 33, WMU-14 & Gaylord 45. October 11, Louisville and Lexington, KY UHF stations, WKET-23, Campbellsburg 34, W30AP in Kingsport, TN, WZTV-17, WMTU-16, WKBG-53, W20AS KY, W48BD KY, Huntsville 48 & WNAL-44 AL, October 15 - Northern Mich., Wisconsin and briefly into Minnesota. Green Bay, WI 26, 38 and W68BS (TBN), W40AN Escabana, W40AY, WWTW-9; WDSE-8 & WNDIO-10 MN both with no antenna attached to TV antenna terminals! Tenative Minnesota on chs. 17 & 42; N. Dakota on CH. 152 K65BJ Grand Mar., and weak stations on 60, 61, 63, 64, 67 & 68 from Minnesota?

Most loggings were from hill spots. The 7 foot dish and amp are finally in operation. Only a handful of loggings were from the lowlands. This system will be taken down for the winter. Heavy work schedules have limited my time for DX.

(An incredible amount of DK, Robert, compared to the limited DX most other club members have logged recently. Your report, and John Combs report are almost enough to pack up the antennas and try crocheting. sw)

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August 1993

18 Es 1948 KSNW-3 KS (1131)
2000 KSNB-4 NE (1235)
September 1993
3 tr 1955 WPDB-15 SC (also 15,
(19, 25, 27, 33 & 57 SC)
2238 NJKA-26 NC (439)
2239 WIS-10 SC (389)
2305 WYED-17 NC (518)
2307 WYAH-27 VA (638)
2307 WTVZ-33 VA (637)

August 1993

3 tr 2310 WHMC-23 SC (398)
2315 WLFL-22 NC (518)
2316 WKFT-40 NC (502)
2323 WFAY-62 NC (459)
2333 WRDC-28 NC (521)
2350 WVEC-13 VA (638)
4 tr 0006 WGTT-48 NC
0010 WHRO-15 VA (637)
0022 W68BK Raleigh (t)
0024 W38BB Raleigh (521)

Eastern TV-DX

December 1993

John Combs (continued)

September 1993

3 Es 2030 Nicaragua-4
6 Es 1044 KBTX-3 TX (893)
1146 KATC-3 LA (573)
1147 WAVE-3 (IN) (728)
1209 KENS-5 TX (1023)
1212 KTBS-5 LA (802)
1259 WTTV-4 IN (801)
1302 WCIA-3 IL (765)
1354 KFOR-4 OK (1062)
1357 KFDP-3 TX (1081)
1400 WCMH-4 OH (797)
12 Es 1944 UNID-2&4 Texas?
24 Es 1440 UNID-2&3 too busy

October 1993

12 tr 0821 Tally U's
WACS-25 GA (306)
WJSP-28 GA (361)
WMGT-41 GA (323)
0823 WLTZ-38 GA (346)
0829 WDAU-34 AL (368)
0838 WALB-10 GA (389)
25 Es 1818 KBTX-3 TX (893)
1821 KMOL-4 TX (1023)
1822 UNID-5 Mexico
1825 KPRC-2 TX (858)
1827 KENS-5 TX (1023)
1904 KIII-3 TX (991)

Comments: The only tropo of note in the last two months was a nice opening to NC and coastal VA on 9-3, with WVEC-13 being a particularly nice logging. Labor Day Es brought several stations carrying the Jerry Lewis telethon, including long sought WAVE-3. (John, do you think Euro-Disney in France could finally turn a profit with a Jerry Lewis exhibit? sw) Had this been a normal day, they would have been running network feed, and I probably would not have IDed them.

The real surprise was the skip opening of 10-25, which got up to 92.9 MHz on FM - probably the best October opening I have ever seen. I was busy at work that week, and probably missed some other openings. Talking with other DXers, there was something like 5 or 6 straight days of Es in that period! Unreal...

TOM BRYANT - 849 1000 PREIS DRIVE - NASHVILLE, TN 37221 - 615-545-2000 - (CDT)

EQUIPMENT: VHF 6 FM: Antennacraft CS-1000 @ 20'; UHF: Antennacraft P-5 parabolic w/Antennacraft preamp @ 25'; RG-5 coax on both; Archer rotor; Emerson VCR (model 754); Portland 13" color receiver. New loggings underlined. Rerogs noted only when rare.

Oct 1993

1 Tr 0253 WPMI 15 AL 375
0258 WALA 10 AL 372

2 Tr 2059 KVTF 25 AR 312
2059 KASN 30 AR 318
2259 WESAL 55 KY 83
//WKSD 29 (KET)

3 Tr 0303 W36AM 36 TN 184
VJN-Memphis
0330 KATV 7 AR 318

25 Es 2019 KADS 3 TX 832
2028 KENW 3 NM 963

25 Tr 0258 KHOG 29 AR 401
0313 KHS 40 AR 442

NOTES: 10/1-Narrow N/S duct from Mobile to South Bend...strongest signals from the south. Also noted return of 25 in Florence...very weak sig...Hunterville TBN LPTV was about same strength. 10/2-I knew I'd get these AR buggers sooner or later...the Tompkinsville (KY) 55 KET xltv was a total surprise. 10/3-Thanks to Ed Phelps for IDing the Memphis VJN on 36. 10/25-Trn sign to Ed for the Es alert. I DON'T RECALL EVER LOGGING Es IN OCTOBER BEFORE! Several弱 in the Es pack...likely KGNW and KVTF. After the Es opening I moved down to AM and nabbed a few new goodies and was just about to shut things down when I did a final UHF check and discovered the 40/29 (dual ID) hogvision pair. New total is 385, but I'm getting ready to do an audit...got some totals that don't skew quite right. Best Holiday wishes...and godDXing. 73's, Tom

Fred McCormack helped me identify the channel 18 logged on August 30th, with WLXI-51 programs. W1BBG in Danville, VA with 7.5kw is about 320 miles from Glen Mills, PA. Also thanks to Ed Phelps for trying to get me in on a skip opening this past summer. Until next month... Stephen



Atlantic City, N.J.



WESTERN TV-DX

December 1993

October 1993 was marked by a number of very hot tropo dates. Exceptional tropo dates in the midwest included the 7th when Merrill logged New Jersey, the 11th when Eckberg logged Alabama, and the 24th and 25th when Delaney was watching Texas. Among the best of many hot dates for Garcia were the 17th and 18th with tropo up to Alabama. Additionally, some E skip was noted on October 22-24 by Eckberg and October 25 by Kruszka.

New New Mode - Tent. - t Unidentified - unid S/On - + S/off - =
ID Color Bars - @ Unid Color Bars - % Misc. Test Patterns - &
Parallel Programming - // MTS Stereo - \$

Frank Merrill, P.O. Box 669, Macomb IL 61455 (309-833-2681) CDT

Equipment

ICOM R-7000 VHF-UHF communications receiver with video adapter and Zenith L1310C9 13 inch. VHF-UHF (Winegard 8100?) with Winegard PA-4975 preamplifier, RG-11, at 40 feet. Channel Master Quantum 1110, vertical at 10 feet.

Most E skip this report on 1110. All tropo this report on 8100?

August 1993		20 tr 0440 (W40AK faded)	September 1993
3 Es	2100-2200 FL chs 2,3	W61BX 81 MI 305	16 tr 1958 KLPB 24 LA 725
4 tr	0205 WUPW 36 OH 380 (Show free)	(Grand Rapids TAB)	1959 KLTS 24 LA 565
	1130-1500	0600 K33AA 33 IA 95	WGMB 44 LA 700
XET	6 NL 1160	(Ottumwa KIN-12)	(In all night)
XHIT	4 CH 1195	K33AB 33 IA 330	KETK 56 TX 635
other LA,TX,NM,		(Sibley KSIN-27)	2012 WMAU 17 MS 625
Mexico		K4000 40 IA 270	(// WMPN-29)
MUF 90.5 MHZ		(Storm Lake KMEG-14)	WMAO 23 MS 490
5 Es	2230 Quebec chs 2,4	0625 K46CB 46 SD 380	2033 KNOE 8 LA 575
10 Es	1140 WESH 2 FL 955	(Sioux Falls KDLT- 5)	2048 WTVA 9 MS 435
	2200 South FL chs 2,3	0632 K48DK 48 SD 380	WTOK 11 MS 570
11 ms	1608 WCBS 2 NY 870	(Sioux Falls religion)	2059 KADN 15 LA 700
1957	unid ch 2 CBC	0635 K51EE 51 SD 370	2200 KPLC 7 LA 705
1859	KAGV 2 TX 705	(Sioux Falls TBN)	(Against Tocaili)
14 tr	0210 Memphis area	0638 K53EG 53 SD 375	2221 KTMD 48 TX 800
Es 1218	KASA 2 NM 920	(Sioux Falls CTN)	2252-2330
17 tr	2000 KSAX 42 MN 430 (Strong)	KXNE 19 NE 365	KSBIT 52 OK
	2210 WDIO 10 MN 445 (At last!)	(Snow free)	(See Note # 2)
2241	WCCO 4 MN 340 (Now 4+)	0715 W59CA 59 MI 340	2300 D-FW 49,52,58
2251	KBJRt 6 WI (FM trop better)	(Jackson WAQP-49)	17 tr 0002 WNTZ 48 MS 620
18 tr	2100-2200	0720 K48CH 48 NE 365	(In all night)
	WPKY 56 KY 370	(Norfolk KTIV- 4)	0008 WMAW 14 MS 580
20 tr	0300 W46AR 46 WI 225 (Milwaukee LPTV)	0800 W57AL 67 OH 505	0058 KEMT 12 TX 730
	W65BT 65 WI 225 (Milwaukee LPTV)	(Eastlak WVIZ-25)	(In & out AN)
	(Abv 2 snowfree)	0115 MS 17,18,23,29	0440 WCCBT 18 NC
0409	W40AK 40 MI 285 (Muskegon CHA)	Houston UHFs 800	(HSS se 18z)
	(Local ID)	Dallas area 644	0444 WAKA 8 AL 610
	(WTLJ-54 weak)	KLAX 31 LA 625	0457 W52BC 52 AL 595
0440	WTLJ 54 MI 300 (Strong)	MNTZ 48 MS 620	(Seima TBN)
		0130 WGNO 26 LA 725	0500 WBIR 10 TN 475
		0218 KITU 34 TX 735	(Wrecked tents)
		KWKT 44 TX 735	WBRC 6 AL 525
		0250 WLBT 3 MS NBC	(Back to FM)
		0300 KLTV 7 TX 605	2243 WXIA 11 GA 575
		KMSS 33 LA 570	(Snow free)
		0527 WJTV 12 MS 565	
		0250 WKBOK 58 KS 240	
		(Overland Park LPTV)	WLTV 27 MS 466

Western TV-DX

December 1993

Frank Merrill (continued)		18 tr 2243	WPBA 30 GA 575 (Atop - vy rare)	6 tr 2345 other N OH UHFs
17 tr	0527 +KOKI 23 OK 410	0600 KAFT 13 AR 370	Birmingham Us524	7 tr 0002 KARD 14 LA 585
	("AETN")		WTLK 14 GA 535	0038 WNCU 44 OH 490
	0810 KLTM 13 LA 575	(World class FM)	(Nrly snow free)	(1st in years)
	1028 KUHT 8 TX 800	1029 KHOU 11 TX 800	WCYE 22 TN 410	0126 WTAP 15 WV 485
	1031 WJTV 12 MS 565	(Still on top)	(22 Double Plus)	0130 WTV 51 PA 775
	1033 KLPAT 25 LA		19 tr 0005 WMCF 45 AL 610	WPGH 53 PA 555
	KRIV 26 TX 800	(Nrly snow free)	WBNG 42 AL 525	(Snow free)
	KHTV 39 TX 800	(Joplin LPTV)	0135 WPCB 40 PA 570	
	KHSH 87 TX 800		WTOV 9 OH 525	
	1036 KORO 28 TX 965	(Anniston WBRC- 6)	0147 Youngstown UHFs	
	(UNI 28- audio)	WFSTV 57 AL 430	WDCA 20 DC 725	
	1041 KBVO 42 TX 805	WBRC 6 AL 525	WBFF 45 MD 745	
	KNCT 46 TX 760	0148 WBNX 55 OH 475	WKBN 27 OH 525	
	1100 KLTS 24 LA 565	(cci still in)	WPIT 22 PA 570	
	1140 unid ch 80 CCI	deep south fade	(Abv 2 snowfree)	
	(Suspect KMBH)	0149 WMSB 47 VA 495	WTGI 81 DE 810	
	1206 KDFM 6 TX 735	(Almost o/WTPV)	WMD 68 OH 420	
	(WOW!)	2230 se MN LPTVs	0233 WBNX 55 OH 475	
	1230 WABG 6 MS	La Crosse LPTVs	WTAE 4 PA 570	
	(Wrecked by KOTV)	2314 WEUX 48 WI 305	WMLF 56 PA 780	
	1245 WMAU 17 MS 625	2350 WTOK 11 MS 570	("Fox 38 Wolf")	
	(Totally on top)	(o/KPLR-111)	WKBS 47 PA 640	
	1300 WBIQ 10 AL 525	WNAO 10 TN 370	0256 WCKO 3 42 ON 465	
	WMAO 23 MS 490	20 tr 0003 WLTT 22 MS	WVIZ 25 OH 465	
	1332 WABG 6 MS 490	0035 WMU 16 TN 330	(RETAW TP)	
	1930 WAIQ 26 AL 605	WMAW 14 MS 580	(Thru WEEK-25)	
	WCIQ 7 AL 550	0230 finally all fade	WAKC 23 OH 475	
	(//WAQI-26)	24 tr 0000-0800	(Quite rare)	
	Atlanta 36,46,89	OH, IN, KY UHFs	0310 WOLF 38 PA 780	
	WMCF 45 AL 610	K31BW 31 KS 330	(// WMLF-58)	
	2220 WXIA 11 GA 575	(Manhattan TBN)	WUPW 36 OH 380	
	2356 WUBIT 34 GA	0600 unid ch 61 MO?	(Snow free)	
	(Mostly DXed FM)	(See Note # 3)	0320 W48AP 48 OH 375	
	18 tr 0130 W22BP 22 AL 450	2103 CIITet 6 ON 820	(Toledo VJN)	
	(Decatur WTJP-60)	(Soon faded)	0327 C 59 ?? FF	
	0203 WSFA 12 AL 635	WSYX 6 OH 400	(See Note # 4)	
	0209 W57BV 57 AL 430	2124 WPXI 11 PA 555	0338 WTLJ 54 MI 300	
	(Florence TBN)	2258 W59BP 59 OH 435	(See Note # 5)	
	W55BJ 55 AL 490	(Ashland LPTV)	0340 WKYC 3 OH 470	
	(Jasper ANC)	(Took out WXIN)	(1st in years)	
	0327 WRCB 3 TN 465	(Great FM tropo)	0350 WHTMT 27 PA	
	0356 WALAT 10 AL ABC	25 tr 0038 WTOW 3 OH 525	0410 WXTV 41 NJ 870	
	(10+ - Not WGEN)	0240 WW MI 7,29,33,45	0416 WPNT 43 PA	
	WALBT 10 GA HSS	WAOW 9 WI 310	(0 kHz to WJAB)	
	(10z)	WEAU 13 WI 290	0430 W88CD 88 OH 375	
	0416 W30AP 30 TN 535	October 1993	(Toledo TBN)	
	(Kingsport HSS)	6 tr 0200 WAFF 48 AL 455	0444 &CICO59 59 ON 480	
	0440 WCCBT 18 NC	(Weak)	(See Note # 4)	
	(HSS se 18z)	0459 WMFD 68 OH 420	0450 unid 48 MI/Can?	
	0444 WAKA 8 AL 610	WYMT 57 KY 460	CICO52 32 OH 415	
	0457 W52BC 52 AL 595	(Alt w/W57AO-IL)	(o/WFLD - rare)	
	(Seima TBN)	0212 (See Note # 3)	WDLI 17 OH 490	
	0500 WBIR 10 TN 475	0241 WHIZ 18 OH 455	(1st in ages)	
	(Wrecked tents)	WTOW 9 OH 525	0459 W48BX 46 OH 385	
	WBRC 6 AL 525	1230 WSBN 47 VA 495	(Toledo TBN)	
	(Back to FM)	2345 WNEO 45 OH 510	(See Note # 6)	
	2243 WXIA 11 GA 575	(Snow free)	0520 ALL Toledo in,	
			even WTVG-13	

Note # 1 - CTN. Bearing was correct for W50BL (Traverse City). WPWR in rare testing mode, running 3/4 color bars, but not their audio transmitter! Not even a trace of video cci; certainly impossible without the R-7000. Nice to get something new on this boring channel!

Frank Merrill (continued)

Note # 2 - Had Christian music videos to 2300, evangelist David Ring at 2300, Prestonwood Presents at 2330, gone by 0010 after I forgot to check at midnight (sign/off?). Probably could confirm with phone call. 52z audio and bearing both tie in.

Note # 3 - That strange LPTV is at it again! Toward St. Louis/St. Charles, randomly on and off with TBN, presumably WWTB-35. What is this? Not a "phantom", but why would anybody down there have anything to relay from channel 35?

Note # 4 - OK, what's this? I couldn't determine which French service they were carrying (satellite dish is acting up), but audio was between 59z and 59+. 0444 reception proved that Chatham is still English TV. Chatham picks theirs off channel 18, which picks theirs off channel 19, right? I'm not aware of French on channels 18 or 19 capable of breaking signal threshold, so I assume a different station?

Note # 5 - TBN listed 23 stations that are "under construction." I had no facility for taping, so I could only mark down cities within 800 miles: Cleveland, Meadville PA, Sault Ste. Marie, Sioux Falls (isn't this K51EE already on? (Definitely! fm)), and Wichita Falls TX. Many in the far south and along the coasts. Too bad they didn't specify which channels!

Note # 6 - With these two TBNs both licensed to Toledo (I assume opposite ends of town? (16 miles apart. fm)), and nearby WGNN-52 also on, this gives new meaning to the phrase "Holy Toledo!". Hi.

Michael Parks, Route 1, Box 103, Amery WI 54001

CDT

Equipment:

Channel Master 1110 Quantum with Winegard PA-1375 preamplifier and RG-11U at 30°, Channel Master 4228A with Winegard PA-4975 preamplifier and RG-11U at 35°, Alliance HD-73-1 rotor, Channel Master 7208 HI "Q" trap, and Zenith Z1920W 19" color TV.

					17 tr 2334	KJMH 26 IA 322	October 1993	
17 tr 0006	KBMY	17 ND	418	(ValueVision AN)	8 tr 2000	KQSD 11 SD 374		
2302	K33AB	33 IA	217	2339	KIIN 12 IA 259	(SDPTV ID u/KARE)		
(Sibley)				2357	KHIN 36 IA 318	2003 KPLD 6 SD 373		
2327	WHSL	46(MO)	493	WICB	20 IL 413	2058 K20AC 20 MN 151		
(See Note)				18 tr 0004	KYUO 15 IA 307	(Wadena KSAX-42)		
KDNL	30 MO	482	0033	WTCT	27 IL 568	24 Es 1410 unid channel 4+		
KNLC	24 MO	495	21 tr 0203	CKPR	2 ON 263	25 Es 1821 unid channel 22		
2330	WTJR	16 IL	378	0236	WJWNT 3 MI			
KNLJ	25 MO	483	0344	KTIV	4 IA 276			

Note - Sign-off at 2355 for transmitter maintenance.

A couple small news items of note from the Twin Cities' newspapers: KXLI-41/KXLT-47 may try their TV Heaven programming format for the third time early next year. Their current HSN format will be moving to KVBM-45 which apparently is finally under construction. General Manager Ron Eikens expects the cable must carry provisions to really help them out this time around.

ValueVision has filed with the SEC for permission to issue a stock offering. They plan to use most of the proceeds to acquire full power TV stations. With Paramount and Time-Warner each planning new broadcast TV networks, I wonder if there will even be any independents left for ValueVision to buy. Only the largest markets will have any left and most of those cater to niche markets such as Spanish language or religious programming.

73, Mike

Jeff Kruszka, 7706-M N Jefferson Place Cir, Baton Rouge LA 70809 (504-923-0196) CDT

Equipment:

1992 Zenith "Sentry 2" 13" color TV (Model #S1318S). UHF: RDX Labs UA-900 preamp, Channel Master 4228A 8-bay #30 ft. VHF: Rabbit ears + quad loops for chs. 3 and 5. Mitsubishi HS-U31 VCR.

			September 1993	October 1993	20 tr 0005	WHOA 32 AL 316
25 tr 0748	KARK	4 AR	305	1 tr 0716 Austin UHFs	395	25 Es 1724 &Cubs 4

Robert Delaney, RR#4 Box 385, Mt. Vernon IL 62864 (KA9UVY) (618-242-7256)

CDT

Equipment:

1990 Zenith 13" color SS 1311W, Emerson 885 VCR. UHF ant: 7" parabolic CM 4251 @ 110° agl, UA 900 preamp, RG-11 coax. VHF ant: rotatable vertical dipole @ 25° agl for E skip, CM 3608 @ 55° agl. Camera: Pentax K 1000 with Kodak Gold Plus 200.

			October 1993	11 tr 0117	WGNO 26 LA 580	24 tr 2307	KXAN 36 TX 750
5 tr 0430	WQUB	20 OH	370	0137	WYMT 57 KY 320	2308 KFXK 51 TX 540	
0700	WOAC	67 OH	435	0149	WLHT 22 MS 475	2334 KLSB 19 TX 580	
0701	WMFD	68 OH	375	0159	WDBD 40 MS 425	25 tr 0010 KLRU 18 TX 750	
6 tr 0837	WNPB	33 WV	385	0206	WNAL 44 AL 335	0016 KTVA 21 TX 800	
0550	OKHIN	36 IA	395	0359	WGMB 44 LA 585	0029 KDFI 27 TX 600	
0552	OKSNT	27 KS	375	0422	WNOL 38 LA 580	0031 KFWN 52 TX 605	
0555	KBIN	32 IA	420	0445	WVXT 15 MS 335	0050 KXAM 14 TX 760	
0600	KPTM	42 NE	430	0455	WNAZ 49 AL 355	0058 KDTX 58 TX 600	
7 gw 1715	WG3BT	63 IN	80 (Evansville TSS)	0900	(Birmingham LPTV) WPMI 15 AL 535	0102 KETH 14 TX 710	
				0535	WXXV 25 MS 520	0132 KBVO 42 TX 750	
9 tr 2004	KOBC	34 OK	510	0555	WCFT 33 AL 365	0200 KUVN 23 TX 575	
2100	KTLC	43 OK	510	16 tr 0715	KMSS 33 LA 480	0238 KITU 34 TX 630	
2302	WTJC	26 OH	290	0730	KTIX 20 TX 710	0251 KXLN 45 TX 710	
10 tr 0215	WKBS	40 AR	390	0732	KASH 38 AR 325	0314 KHOU 11 TX 710	
0216	=KHOG	29 AR	325	0900	KRTW 57 TX (See Note # 2)	0318 KCKN 6 TX 675	
0312	KOKI	23 OK	405	23 tr 0930	unid channel 61 (See Note # 3)	0400 KLDI 55 TX 580	
1843	KARD	14 LA	465	2100	WABM 68 AL 355	0438 KOKT 39 TX 600	
2053	WBMG	42 AL	355	24 tr 1830	KTFH 49 TX 860	0440 KSLA 12 LA 480	
2100	WABM	68 AL	355	2206	WKPT 19 TN 395	0504 KMSS 33 LA 480	
2238	WTTO	21 AL	355	1833	KRIV 26 TX 710	0518 KHSB 40 AR 390	
11 tr 0001	WMCF	45 AL	435	1840	KETK 56 TX 560	0527 KWEX 41 TX 820	
0003	WHOA	32 AL	445	1902	KRTW 57 TX 720	0543 KASN 38 AR 325	
0005	=WLTZ	38 GA	465	1937	KLAX 31 LA 510	0700 KVDA 80 TX 820	
0010	WJUS	40 AL	365	2031	KHSH 67 TX 710	28 tr 0300 WTLC 14 GA 365	
0038	=WDAU	34 AL	505	2228	KTDX 20 TX 710	0320 WATL 36 GA 400	
0101	WCOV	20 AL	440	2230	KHTV 39 TX 710	0459 WFLI 53 TN 320	
0111	=WMPI	29 MS	430	2242	KWMS 51 TX 710	0501 WHSG 63 GA 420	
0112	=WMAO	23 MS	355	2302	KTDW 48 TX 710	0648 WMGT 41 GA 485	
				2305	KABB 29 TX 820	0723 WBSG 21 GA 635	

Note # 1 - This new LPTV popped up on Wed evening 10-06-93 with unid bars. First ID'd Thursday eve with WB3BT. Tri State Sports Network in Evansville IN.

Note # 2 - The only ID seen was of sister station KLTJ 22.

Note # 3 - I finally got to see the mystery TBN on ch 61 to the west. No IDs, but did confirm programming was // WWTB 35. Came in for apx 30 min with the carrier being switched on and off.

October came alive here with some very strong signals and timely tropo. The Texas opening on the 24th & 25th provided me with some good photos and some new ones and the southeast opening on the 28th let me see the furthest into GA ever with ch 21 WBSG coming in. Those allnighters keep getting rougher on this old man!

73 till next time de Bob

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Equipment:

Sony 27EXR15, Channel Master 7" dish at 50°, UA-900 amp, RG-6 and rotor. Sony KV-13TR27, Archer V-185 at 30°, RG-59, rotor. Archer V-110 vertical at 3°.

			September 1993	3 tr 0330	WDBD 40 MS 749	8 tr 2200	KADN 15 LA 584
2 tr 0555	KPLC	7 LA	547	0332	WAPT 16 MS 749	2201 KLPB 24 LA 566	
0558	KADN	15 LA	584	0350	KPLC 7 LA 547	13 Es 2145 unid ch 2 EE	
0558	KLTL	18 LA	547	0555	KLAX 31 LA 518	15 Es 1610 unid ch 2 EE	
0605	KLPB	24 LA	566	0558	KLTL 18 LA 547	20 tr 0630 D-FW UHFs 519	
0640	=KVHP	29 LA	528	0610	KARD 14 LA 653	28 tr 0657 WLQX 13 MS 758	
2202	KLTL	18 LA	547	0612	WMAU 17 MS 698	0658 WLAE 32 LA 693	
2205	=KVHP	29 LA	528	0635	KLPA 25 LA 815	0659 SWNL 38 LA 693	
2206	WVLA	33 LA	634	0640	=KVHP 29 LA 528	0700 WYES 12 LA 693	
2210	KADN	15 LA	584	4 Es 1855	unid ch 2 EE	0701 WMBR 33 FL 838	

Fernando Garcia (continued)

16 tr 1048 KVHP 29 LA 528 18 tr 0338 New Orleans 26,38
 1250 KLT 18 LA 547 0340 K5200 52 LA 640
 1900 SWKL 29 LA 528 (Baton Rouge HSC)
 2010 WLA 33 LA 634 0341 K46CR 46 LA 640
 0555 KADN 15 LA 584 2011 New Orleans 693 0345 K62WD 62 LA 584
 0556 KADN 15 LA 584 chs 26,32,638 (Lafayette CHA)
 0557 LPB chs 18,24,27 2100 KADN 15 LA 584 0349 K56DR 58 LA 640
 0605 K21DM 21 LA 584 2130 KLT 18 LA 547 (Baton Rouge TBN)
 (Lafayette VJN) 2330 KLAX 31 LA 618 unid 48 CHA ene
 0610 K46CR 46 LA 640 2345 WMAU 17 MS 696 0352 WMPV 21 AL 839
 (Baton Rouge VJN) 2350 unid 43 TBN ene 0354 W36AC 38 MS 659
 0635 W19AW 19 LA 640 (Jackson TBN) (McComb TBN)
 (Baton Rouge LPTV) 17 tr 0320 W6DQ 40 MS 749 0402 WXXV 25 MS 761
 0650 KVHP 29 LA 528 0330 W14IE 14 LA 705 * 0405 WWHO 32 AL 926
 0703 SWTTA 38 FL 1116 (New Orleans HSC) 0406 W29BH 29 MS 757
 0704 WTMV 32 FL 1134 0335 W64BB 84 MS 752 (Biloxi TBN)
 0705 WBHS 50 FL 1116 (Jacksonson TBN) 0410 W19AW 19 LA 640
 0706 WUSF 16 FL 1116 0615 Wvla 33 LA 634 0430 KADN 15 LA 584
 0715 W57BA 57 FL 1104 (Natchez TBN) 0432 SWLA 33 LA 634
 (Tampa TMD) 0605 KLPA 25 LA 615 0435 WPMI 15 AL 836
 0718 WFTS 28 FL 1116 0610 K21DM 21 LA 584 0445 WNL 22 MS 771
 (Over local) 0611 KADN 15 LA 584 0447 WMAH 19 MS 771
 had to leave 0617 WAPT 16 MS 749 0450 WQBC 30 MS 830
 1930 Wvla 33 LA 634 0618 WMAU 17 MS 696 0458 KLAX 31 LA 618
 2005 KVHP 29 LA 528 0620 WLAE 32 LA 693 0505 KVHP 29 LA 528
 30 tr 1958 KLT 18 LA 547 0625 K38EB 38 TX 198 0510 LPB 18,24,27
 2000 KVHP 29 LA 528 (Kingsville TMD) 0515 K21DM 21 LA 584
 2030 New Orleans 693 chs 26,32,638 0520 WQMB 44 LA 631
 2200 Wvla 33 LA 634 (// K68DJ) 0532 unid ch 52

October 1993
 1 tr 0340 KETK 56 TX 534 (See Note # 1)
 0350 WNOL 38 LA 693 1930 KADN 15 LA 584
 0355 KDTX 58 TX 519 1931 KLT 18 LA 547 0548 K65EF 65 LA 646
 0640 KLTS 24 LA 615 (Baton Rouge LPTV)
 0700 Wvla 33 LA 634 1935 SWLA 33 LA 634 0600 W65AS 65 LA 572
 5 tr 0555 KDAF 33 TX 519 1936 SWLPB 27 LA 637 (Crowley LPTV)
 0625 KVHP 29 LA 528 2045 K69FW 89 TX 416 0602 WEIO 42 AL 823
 6 tr 0600 KFWD 52 TX 522 2130 KLAX 31 LA 618 0605 WYES 12 LA 683
 0700 KFXK 51 TX 556 2145 WMPV 21 AL 839 0608 KPLC 7 LA 547
 7 tr 0605 KETK 56 TX 534 2146 W48AV 46 MS 777 0611 KFXK 51 TX 556
 0615 KDTX 58 TX 519 (Pascagoula TBN) 0616 WNTZ 48 MS 671
 9 tr 0050 KETK 56 TX 534 2150 WMAU 17 MS 696 0630 WCOV 20 AL 954
 0055 KMSS 33 LA 615 2200 WBR 33 FL 836 0633 WLAE 32 LA 693
 0100 KFXK 51 TX 556 2310 WMAH 19 MS 771 2104 KARD 14 LA 653
 0610 K68DJ 68 TX 225 18 tr 0320 WAPT 16 MS 749 19 tr 0605 KDTX 58 TX 519
 (Corpus Christi TMD) 0336 W14IE 14 LA 705 0731 WLAE 32 LA 693
 (ex K66EB) 0337 K59DG 59 LA 687 0740 Wvla 33 LA 634
 16 tr 0715 KDTX 58 TX 519 0741 KADN 15 LA 584 0745 KLPB 24 LA 566
 0830 Wvla 33 LA 634 22 Es 1500 (See Note # 2) 0800 WMAU 19 MS 771
 0840 KADN 15 LA 584
 0900 KLPB 24 LA 566 (New Orleans TBN)

Note # 1 - Gospel, area code 918, one.

Note # 2 - Checked FM with my Pioneer car radio (at work) - strong signals from southeast Mexico and Guatemala up to 98.5 MHz.

I installed the CM 7' dish on September 14. I haven't noticed much improvement from previous CM 8 Bay. Maybe the weather conditions changed, I'll keep comparing them.

My New DX shack is almost finished. I just bought a Canon Camera for taking pictures of DX signals, hope to send some of them to Photo News. 73s.

William Eckberg, 1032 Sterling Road, Dixon IL 61021

CDT

Equipment: See September 1993 Western TV-DX.

October 1993

6 tr 2335 KHBS 40 AR 513	6 tr 0450 WPGH 53 PA 491
8 tr 0300 WZTV 17 TN 40B	7 tr 0450 WNEO 45 OH 426
0310 WHNT 19 AL 503	WEAO 49 OH 404

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SOUTHERN FM DX
 Danny Buntin
 1312 N. Skyline
 Stillwater, OK 74075

DEADLINE: 14th

SOUTHERN FM DX is for reporters from: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, KS, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, NV, OK, SC, TN, TX UT & WV. (Also MX, AUSTRALIA, S. AMERICA, & NEW ZEAL.)

THE DEEP SOUTH HAULS IN THE TROP FOR THIS MONTH.**Doug Smith (W9WI), 14 Brookside Court, Nashville, TN 37209-4503**

10/2 gw 10/9 gw
 1400 WANT 98.9 TN Lebanon, calls, 0934 WRLG 94.1 TN Smyrna, "R. Lightning"
 satellite, "Real Country" // WRLG-100.1

Plenty of scatter but nothing to write home about. Unfortunately, two prime scatter frequencies are now gone. Neither of these new semi-locals are strong enough to override Es, but WANT will end regular scatter of KIMO and WSLM; and WRLG will put an end to scatter of WSTR and WFGI. There are two more open CPs in the market 97.1 and 106.7, with my luck, they'll show up next weekend! At least these two waited until after the convention!! I know a cheap way to log new ones! Two more CPs to go, but they won't be as disruptive--97.1 is already full of intermod, and WAMB-1 uses 106.7 at night. (Tom B. believes the 106.7 CP, when built, will become WAMB-FM & relay the AM full time.)

Gus Mancuso, 5615 Inwood St., Hyattsville, MD 20785 301 773-3072

10/26 tr 11/5 tr (From Cordova/Talbot Co.)MD
 0815 WSBL 97.9 DE Selbyville, Null on 1700 WJUN 105.9 DE Lewes, tried to get other
 WIYV, cold front coming in midwest now. new stations but could not due to adjacents
 All Tidewater & n.e. NC strong. & same freqs.

NOTE: (See Oct VUD) WXPN ID on 90.5 was a simul on WKHS. Station on 90.7 was probably WJAZ-t in York. (IDed as WRTI/WRTY,etc)

STATION NEWS: Newcomer WBIG(100.3) edged longtime DC area oldie station WXTR(104.1) in the summer Arbitron book. WBIG features former area jocks Johnnie Dark(ex WCAO & WEAM), Davy Jones(WPGC) and Kathy Whiteside(WLMD). Of the 25 biggest metro areas, Tampa/St. Pete. has the highest FM listenership(82%)with DC at second(78.95%)edging former(1989) leader Atlanta(78.82%). Lowest were San Francisco at 64%, Pitts with 65.7% and NYC 66%. Source: 1994 M St. Radio Directory. DC & Atlanta have few powerful lowend AMs, central FL very poor AM soil conductivity. In San Fran. & Pitts. areas FM reception hurt by mountains. San Fran. & DC were one of the top FM markets 20-25 years ago, but retroverted when population spread to nearby mountains. NYC has a plethora of lowend 50 kws. WLWV 105.5 MD still satellite oldies but no longer "Cool Gold".

Matthew C. Sittel, 603 Fulton Rd., Apt. B-24, Tallahassee, FL 32312-2214 (904 386-2212)
 Equipment: Yamaha Tx-900U with modified filters, Archer rabbit ears.

10/9 tr 10/12 tr
 1956 WBUB 107.5 SC St. George 287 0703 WEDG 93.1 FL Edgewater, ID 228
 1959 WUSF 89.7 FL Tampa, WFVS off 208 0719 WEAT 104.3 FL West Palm Beach 366
 1959 WDCO 89.7 GA Cochran, network ID 143 0725 WRMF 97.9 FL Palm Beach, calls 368
 2100 WSVH 91.1 GA Savannah, ID 219 0752 WIMI 93.1 FL Miami, area ad 411
 10/10 tr MS? 0757 WLVE 93.9 FL Miami Beach, Love94 412
 0833 KFGI 94.7 TX Luling, Froggy 94, MS? 800 0759 WXDJ 95.7 FL Homestead, SS 417
 0839 WNFQ 100.5 FL Newberry, ID, s, new 113 0810 WSHB 103.5 FL Fort Lauderdale 394
 1155 KCIL 107.5 LA Houma, CI07 389 0825 WOVF 95.5 FL Fort Pierce, Star 318
 2016 WZBQ 102.5 AL Jasper, ZI02 290 2016 WPOW 96.5 FL Miami, Power96 411
 0836 WEAS 93.1 GA Savannah, E93 219 0836 WQBA 107.5 FL Miami, SS 411
 0655 WPIO 89.3 FL Titusville, calls 246 0839 WNNX 99.7 GA Atlanta, 99X 226
 0659 WMAN 90.3 MS Biloxi, state wx 273 0840 WPIO 89.3 FL Titusville, calls 246
 0704 WOKK 97.1 MS Meridian, 970KK 290 0845 WZ31 94.1 FL Tallahassee, xltrWFSU 5
 0705 WXT 98.1 AL Fayette, 98XTT 304 10/18 tr
 0757 WDRM 102.1 AL Decatur, ID 325 2152 WEZB 97.1 LA New Orleans 349
 0802 WYRH 107.5 TN Lebanon, ID, Y107 412 2159 WRKF 89.3 LA Baton Rouge, calls 410
 0807 WTYX 94.7 MS Jackson, Oldies 94 370 10/21 tr
 0812 WODL 106.9 AL Birmingham, o 256 0715 WCAC 105.5 FL Sebring, calls 269
 0815 WKXI 107.5 MS Magee 335 0728 WNL 91.7 FL Fernandina Beach 170
 0847 WHEF 103.7 MS Hattiesburg, Eagle 300 0729 WBBM 90.3 AL Birmingham, ID 256
 0851 WENN 107.7 AL Birmingham, WTTD ad 256 MS!
 0855 WMJJ 96.5 AL Birmingham, Majic96 256 0754 KSBJ 89.3 TX Humble, prev. tr! 655
 0856 WDJC 93.7 AL Birmingham, calls 256 "...right here on KSBJ..."
 2048 WLWV 106.9 SC Bluffton, HH mention 230

Where are the tropes? We need more DX!
 Log total has made it to 701. 73's Matt.

0815 WLWV 106.9 SC Bluffton, wx 236
 0822 WABV 97.3 GA Savannah, Mix 219
 0824 WJCL 96.5 GA Savannah, Kick96 219
 0825 WIXV 95.5 GA Savannah 219

Steven C. Wiseblood (ABSGP), 6393 N. Dakota, #2, Brownsville, TX 78521
Equip.: stacked 6-el. Radio Shack yagi @22 ft., Denon TU-800 w/"Super-Narrow" sensitiv.
8/13 tr
0532 KCKL 95.9 TX Malakoff, ads 442
0535 KLUV 98.7 TX Dallas, "98.7 K-LOVE"
0536 KSCS 96.3 TX Ft. Worth, k 473
0538 KISS 99.5 TX San Antonio, ads, r 256
0545 KPLE 104.3 TX Temple, k 359
0740 KIDR 96.3 TX Del Rio, "Power 96FM" 317
8/16 tr
0800 KSAB 99.9 TX Corpus Christi, "R Sabrosa", SS, tejano mx, kl 131
8/13 tr
2051 KSHN 99.9 TX Liberty, a/c mix 331
2102 KZ59-99.7 TX Sugarland, //KSBJ contemporary Christian mx, ID
8/18 Es
2203 WGLE 90.7 OH Lima, ID,c, "FM91" 1286
8/18 tr
2208 KJIC 88.1 TX Pasadena, q 302
8/19 tr
0136 K2QAF 91.9 TX Brenham, //KSBJ 89.3
0139 KNKC 107.7 TX Georgetown, k-NAK 327 "Austin's best Rock first", br
0701 KNLE 88.1 TX Round Rock, nx, ID 319
0708 KUEZ 99.3 TX Lufkin, Goodtime Oldies
0710 KJCS 103.3 TX Nacogdoches, KJ103, k 430
0711 KPLE 104.3 TX Temple, k 359
0712 KLUV 98.7 TX Dallas, K-LOVE, o 473
0750 KTYL 93.1 TX Tyler, wx, a/c mx 465
8/20 tr
0242 KUJM 104.7 TX Llano, ID ex a/c, 343 "We're lite & easy 105", PSA
0246 KOOV 103.1 TX Copperas Cove, ID, wx, "country-103" 362
0249 KHLB 106.9 TX Burnet, k 337
0300 KLSA 90.7 LA Alexandria, c, ID 483
0302 KYPO 90.9 TX San Antonio, g 255
0306 KZTQ 106.1 TX Laredo, KQ-106, o 166
8/22 trs (both stations only tentative)
1155 XHOY 90.7 JA Guadalajara, only faded up for a couple of minutes along with 91.5, on a car radio(Delco), some type of weird Trs, don't think it was me, as it had a type of flutter-fade characteristic of Trs. 517
1155 XKGO 91.5 JA Guadalajara, no definite ID, this playing Mexican cuba-ranchera mx, while 90.7 has LAm pop. mx.
9/2 tr
0611 KIVY 92.7 TX Crockett, ads, wx 394
0616 KUEZ 99.3 TX Lufkin, oldies 411
0623 KWRR 97.7 TX Rusk, oldies 432
0710 KTQZ 107.7 TX Nacogdoches, "Digital 107.7", a/c mix, ads 430
2253 KLSA 90.7 LA Alexandria, jazz 483
2257 KTRU 91.7 TX Houston, punk rock 297
2304 KAMU 90.9 TX College Station, c 333
2312 KICR 98.7 LA Oakdale, k 449
2321 KNKC 107.7 TX Georgetown, K-NACK, r
2330 KEIK 92.3 TX Livingston, k,mono 368 "East Texas Country", "Interstate R. Net."
2332 KQID 93.1 TX Alexandria,r,93QID 483
9/3 tr
0003 KISR 92.1 TX College Station, ID 333
0152 KLUV 98.7 TX Dallas, "K-LOVE", o 473
0202 KTDN 91.5 TX Palestine, ID 421
0501 KZEL 95.9 LA Nachitoches, o/r 486
0503 KSCS 96.3 TX Fort Worth, k 473

cont....

10/8 tr
2240 XHJPT 100.1 TA Tampico, "Stereo Rey" lite/MCR Mex/LAm pop mx 255
2245 XHFDR 103.1 TA Tampico, R. Recuerdo lite/MCR Mex/LAm pop mx
10/12 tr
2202 XHERC 101.9 VER Poza Rica, ID,ads 370
10/17 tr
0057 KLSA 90.7 LA Alexandria, blues mx 483
0100 KAMU 90.9 TX College Station, ID 333
0111 KICR 99.3 TX Lufkin, o 411
0120 KYKS 105.1 TX Lufkin, k 411
1021 KPVV 91.3 TX Prairie View, g 302
1031 KELI 98.7 TX San Angelo, ads 424
1040 KIDR 96.3 TX Del Rio, r 317
2158 KULF 94.1 TX Bernham, k, ID 302
2203 KBHT 93.3 TX Crockett, CNN mx,mx 394
2205 WACO 99.9 TX Waco, k 416
2211 KHRN 94.3 TX Hearne, g 349
2224 KPLE 104.3 TX Temple,k, ID 359
2236 KUEZ 99.3 TX Lufkin, o, ads 411
11/1 tr
2007 KELI 98.7 TX San Angelo, lite rock "98.7 K-LITE" 424

Western TV-DX (continued from page 16)

December 1994

William Eckberg (continued)	7 tr 0600 WYTV 33 OH 450	11 tr 0210 WZDX 54 AL 503
	9 tr 0425 WMU 16 TN 419	0215 WTTO 21 AL 582
	0545 K14— 14 ??	0245 WCIV 20 AL 866
(Unknown)	0120 WNAL 44 AL 551	0430 WZTV 17 TN 408
KARE-11)	0200 WBMG 42 AL 582	25 tr 0430 KARD 14 LA 651
0555 WOAC 67 OH 417	0205 WABM 68 AL 582	

I logged 650 miles plus tropo on three dates. Also noted E skip through channel 2 on October 22 at 2000, October 23 at 1100 and October 24 at 2100. Not one ID.

On October 7 I logged KARE-11 on channel 14 with a Minneapolis antenna heading. Got pix of reception. Any ideas?

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For DXers in MA,NH,VT,CT,MA,RI,NY,PA,NJ,OH,MI,IN,IL,WI,MN,IA,NE,SD,ND,MT,WY,ND,TX,OR,AK,Canada
DECEMBER 1993 — DEADLINE: The 5th — LOG CUTOFF: 2 months from postmark

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

MICHELE CHERRY - VE7SKA - BOX 631 - GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA V0S 1EO

Home Equipment: Toshiba SA-500 receiver, Channel master rabbit ears with tune sw. FM beam not up yet. Mobile Toyota FM stereo receiver with 180 kHz IF mobileoggings indicated by (=.) PDT used

SEPTEMBER 1993 DX

18 Tr
0829 CBYT 104.5 BC Campbell River, mono // AM
690 94 wl. Adjacent to 104.3 @ 51kW 20 miles
away, strong! 138

25 Tr
0835-1000 Spokane FMs (semi-reg Tr)
91.1, 96.1 and 107.9 299

28 MS
2114 KBYU 89.1 UT Provo "series of concerts
here on KBY" reg. MS 815

OCTOBER 1993 DX

3 Tr (=Vancouver, BC)
0952 KLCO 89.7 OR Eugene, public affairs 380
0959 KACS 90.5 WA Chehalis, g\$ new to air with
Christian EZ listening mx ID "Preparing Western WA
for the journey home, this is KACS Chehalis-Centralia"

1000 Portland FMs (semi-reg tropo), 88.3, 89.9 99.5
106.7, 103.3, and 105.1 285

1010 KLYK 105.5 WA Longview, ads, wx, sports 250

4 Tr (=Nanaimo, BC)

0747 KLUK 94.5 WA Keisco, "Cookin' Country" 240
0752 KBPS 89.9 OR Portland c. mx promos 290

Vacation DX - west coast of Vancouver Island

4 Tr (mobile=Port Alberni to Tofino (Long Beach))
1005 KYTT 102.7 OR Newport, m, ID with KNPT-AM
over and under CFRO Vancouver

1020 KLCO 106.5 OR Newpoer jazz, D with KLCC
Very strong even driving thru steep mountain ranger
1028 KSHL 97.5 OR Glendale Beach, k, new to air \$ steady through mountains!

1035 KOPB 91.5 OR Portland, ID, occ. in \$
± KKEE 94.3 WA Long Beach. oldies\$, requests

1100 KMJN 91.8 OR Astoria, f mx, ID and promos
for upcom programs

1105-1145 Seattle/Tacoma FMs 88.5 92.5 94.1, 98.9
101.5 and 103.7

1152 KLM 103.9 WA Forks, k mx ID with & // KVAC
1340 AM Forks \$

GW: (Tofino-Ucluelet, BC (Long Beach))

1200 CIWC 102.7 BC Tofino, mono translator of CJJR
93.7 Vancouver, satellite fed. k, CIWC calls ARE NOT
used on the air

CJFM 104.7 BC Tofino-Ucluelet, mono xtr
of CFMI 101.1 Vancouver fp music

CJWC 107.3 BC Ucluelet \$. sat fed of CJJR
93.7 also. "JR Country" calls ARE not Ded)

4 Tr (Long Beach, BC)

1200-1330 KLCO 89.5, KMJN 91.9 KAST 92.9, KLM
103.9 KYTT 102.7 in and out of noise nothing else

Oct. 4 DX at Long Beach, BC continues

1830 KSHL 97.5 OR Glendale Beach k\$, legal, D
with Toledo and Newport, no non-ID 320

1842 KTL 104.1 OR Tillimook, ads, kr, weak 274

1845 KDUX 104.7 WA Aberdeen, rp\$, prev received
at Long Beach at 1977, 1979, 1980 DXpeditions 145

KAYQ 99.3 WA Aberdeen-Hoquiam, k, weak 145

1854 KCRF 96.7 OR Lincoln oldies AC wx\$ 320

1855 KMJN 91.9 OR Astoria, j\$, promos 205

1858 KGHO 89.5 WA Hoquiam, g, legal, ID
previous tropo in 1980 145

1859 Portland 88.9, 95.5, 97.1, 98.5, 101.9
103.3, and 106.7 255

1900 KKEE 94.3 WA Long Beach, o\$ 195

KMNT 102.9 WA Centralia, K103.1 D with
Chehalis baseball game 160

KACS 90.5 WA Chehalis, new to air bg\$ 160

KXYQ 105.1 OR Salem, CHR stereo
IDs with Portland 295

1952 KFBZ 99.5 OR Reedsport rk, new to the air
weak under KWJJ Portland 390

1958 KYTT 98.7 OR Coos Bay g, religion, briefly
in Stereo legal ID 415

2000 KACW 107.3 OR North Bend, under local CW/C
Didn't hear calls, but heard "North Bend-Coos Bay" 405

2200 KLCO KMUN, KAST, KCRF, KLM, KDUX. KKEE
are the only stations in

5 Tr (=Radar Hill, @520 ASL, Long Beach, BC)

0847 KQON 92.3 OR Portland, rp, traffic 250

0850 KPQQ 93.7 OR Portland religion, \$,
previous tropo in 1977 250

0855+ KCO, KMUN, KAST, KLM, KDUX. KGHO
KAYO, KKEE, KYTT except where noted

0858 KMHD 89.1 OR Portland, j\$, legal ID and
promo for Bluestage 250

0859 KBP 89.9 OR Portland c\$, legal D 250

0900 KPNW 99.1 OR Eugene, Oldies 99.1 \$ 360

KMJZ 94.7 WA Camas b\$, new to air IDs
with Portland "K-Music" strict 220

0912 KBOQ 90.7 OR Portland, public affairs 250

0914 KNR 101.9 OR Portland, adult alternative
mx, prev Tr 1973 & 1977 315

0918 KLYK 105.5 WA Longview ads, and phon in
classifieds in \$ 220

0923 KCRF 96.7 OR Lincoln City o\$ 315

0927 K296DM 107.1 OR Seaside, heard KCMS 105.3
Seattle ID and Contemporary Christian music. Only
107.1 translator I can find in FM Alias #14. Nearby
Astoria, Long Beach FMs were very strong! 210

MIKE'S DX CONTINUES

NORTHERN FM DX

DECEMBER 1993

Mike Cherry's report continued.

OCTOBER 1993 DX

	Oct. 5th Tr continued.
5 Tr (=Radar Hill, @520 ASL, Long Beach, BC)	1919 KCED 91.3 WA Centralia bluegrass mx 155
0931 KTIL 104.1 OR Tillimook, ads, wx\$ 270	1951 KKZX 98.9 WA Spokane "Spokane's only " This one was MS 250
0934 KHPE 107.9 OR Albany "K-Happy", calis and Christian EZ listening music in \$ 330	1955 Portland FMs, 92.3, 95.5, 98.5, 101.1 103.3
0936 KCED 91.3 WA Centralia folk mx, weak 155	2000 KLCO 90.5 OR Newport, weak o/KACS 330
0940 KKAZ 100.3 OR Portland, ads, scattered in and out quickly 250	2020 KYTE 102.7 OR Newpoer hot AC, gradually strengthened, finally \$ 330
0948 KTBC 91.7 WA Tacoma, modern rock\$, ID with and // to KGRG 89.9 140	2034 KSHL 97.5 OR Glendale Back, k\$ 315
0953 KNHC 89.1 WA Seattle, dance/CHR\$ 130	2050 KSKD 107.1 OR Sweet Home, mg occas. \$ "K-Love", non-ID, took awhile to ID!! 345
0955 KCMJ 90.3 WA Seattle, rap, legal weak 130	2055 KYTT 98.7 OR Coos Bay, local church directory, \$ 410
1000 Seattle FMs: 88.5, 92.5, 93.3, 94.1, 97.3, 98.1 101.5, 103.7, 105.4, 106.9, 107.7 most in \$ 130	2059 KOOS 94.9 OR North Bend, k, legal ID with Coos Bay 400
1007 KMHQ 104.5 OR The Dalles, local PSA, wx\$ 265	2100 Portland FMs, 89.9, 91.5, 93.7, 106.7
1014 KBCS 91.3 WA Bellevue, jazz, eclectic 140	2200 Seattle FMs(weak) 88.5, 92.5, 101.5
1018 KISM 92.9 WA Bellingham, CHR, prev Tropo in 1977 and 1980 105	2230+ KJLM KDUX. KKEE, KMUN KAST-FM only stations still in
1023 Vancouver FMs 93.7, 96.9, 101.1, 103.5 occasionally in stereo 100	6 Tr (=Long Beach, BC)
1030 KKBK 106.7 OR Lake Oswego-Portland, o\$ calls 255	0800-0900 Only KLLM KDUX, KGHO-FM in & out of scatter. Nothing else
1045+signals faded fairly rapidly, quit DXing	23 MS
1856 KUGN 97.9 OR Eugene, k\$ 360	0558 KUFM 89.1 MT Missoula, ". What Montana residents have to say", semi-reg MS 457
1859 KLCC 89.7 OR Eugene, j\$, calls 360	27 Tr
1900 KZEL 96.1 OR Eugene, A/C mx, ID 360	0700+ Yakima & Tri Cities, WA 89.1, 107.3, 94.5
1904 KPNW 99.1 OR Eugene, Oldies 99.1 \$ 360	
1911 KACS 90.5 WA Chehalis, mg music, \$, no sign of KLCO or any OR central coast! 155	

After 36 days of straight high pressure, forecasters October 1 predicted an end to the good weather with a strong cold front advancing from the Gulf of Alaska headed southward. I immediately adjusted my vacation plans to return to the Long Beach area for some serious DX! I first noticed tropo in a big way as I approached Port Alberni while listening to the African music show on CFRO 102.7 and KYTE started taking over the frequency! I was astounded that signals would penetrate the deep valleys on the highway out to the coast. 400 miles tropo may be ho-hum to eastern and southern DXers, but here in tropo-mediocre British Columbia this is serious stuff!! Radar Hill is the highest spot on the flat Long Beach coastline and has a straight over-the-water shot at the entire coastline of Washington, and most of the Oregon coast as well. Previous trips have netted Portland and Aberdeen-Hoquiam as the furthest tropo. Also back in June 1980 I received double-hop Es from Japan using a Sony 76-108 MHz receiver and Radio Shack 10 element FM beam. I may try to get permission to do a ham VHF contest from Radar Hill (which is part of Pacific Rim National Park). I'm curious whether conditions would allow California tropo DX to come in during exceptional conditions, in spite of the fact that the coastline curves southeast (no longer a straight over the water path). Tropo from Hawaii has been experience on the Calif. coast. I wonder if this could be possible from Long Beach? I will probably try to get out to Long Beach at least once a year during the fall. Now I know what you guys mean when you say "the tropo was so thick it was like e-skip"!! I hope everyone got lotsa tropo this fall. 78\$, 77ake

MORRIS SORENSEN - 29 JANET BLVD - SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO M1R 147 CANADA
Equipment, Panasonic RF B65 with whip

OCTOBER 7th Tropo

1900 WOKO 98.9 VT Burlington, country music, ID

Note, re my report in August issue CBCO 91.5 H. studio, not Hinsdale. This is the transmitter site for CBC Orlia. 78a Meeks Sorenson

NORTHERN FM DX

BOB SMOLAREK - 31 MARK DR. - HIGH BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY 08829

JUNE 1993 DX**18 Es**

- 1924 WCTQ 92.1 FL Venice, k
 1948 WTKT 98.5 FL Crystal River, r
 1095 WOYS 100.9 FL Appalachicola, r
 1955 KLTR 93.7 TX Houston, r
 2001 KIQX 96.9 TX El Campo, k
 2008 KBXX 97.9 TX Houston, s
 2033 KBAU 94.3 LA Galliano, r
21 Es
 1742 WTUG 92.9 AL Tuscaloosa, s
 1747 WCKW 92.3 LA LaPlace, rp
 1840 KTGL 92.9 NE Beatrice, rp
 1853 KLDZ 96.1 NE Lincoln, o, WZZO off
 1900 KIOZ 91.5 NE Omaha, NPR radio
 1901 KOBC 90.7 MO Joplin, g
 1904 KMXL 95.1 MO Webb City, r, WZZO off
 1911 KJXQ 93.9 MO Webb City, k
 1912 KGGO 94.9 IA Des Moines, rp
 1915 KMOE 92.1 MO Butler, k
 1919 KRZZ 96.3 KS Derby, rp
 1920 KRBK 97.9 KS Wichita, r
 1925 KQMG 95.3 KS Independence, k
 1927 KICT 95.1 KS Wichita, rp, WZZO off
 1937 KKYA 93.1 SD Yankton, k
 2000 KOEZ 92.3 KS Newton, b
 2013 KILS 92.7 KS Minneapolis, k
 2014 KEKS 101.7 KS Emporia, k
 2015 KZOC 92.9 KS Osage City, k
 2026 KCKS 95.3 KS Concordia, o
 2029 KBEB 96.7 KS McPherson, r
 2046 KCMO 94.9 MO Kansas City, o
 2057 KDCK 95.5 KS Dodge City, r
21 Es
 2005 WZZR 92.7 FL Stuart, rp
 2006 WCMQ 92.3 FL Hialeah, SS
 2006 WTMJ 93.1 FL Miami, c
 2009 WRTO 98.3 FL Goulds, SS
 2011 WKIS 99.9 FL Boca Raton, k
 2014 WEDE 99.1 FL Miami, s
 2015 WKGR 98.7 FL Ft Pierce, rp, The Gator
 2022 WAAC 92.9 GA Valdosta, k
 2045 WTRS 102.3 FL Dunnellon, k
 2046 WCWB 101.7 FL Trenton, k
 Suwanne River Country

August 11th trop opening to coastal North Carolina was a dandy! (I am sorry about the lateness of this report-it was temporarily misplaced-gc)



Seasons Greetings

DECEMBER 1993

BOB SMOLAREK - 31 MARK DR. - HIGH BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY 08829

JULY 1993 DX**6 Es**

- 1842 KSDL 92.1 MO Sedalia
 1843 WL 92.3 MO St. Louis, k
 1845 WKLR 93.1 IN Indianapolis, a new state, my catch of the year! (Nice one!-gc)
 1854 KLOZ 92.7 MO Eldon, r

11 Tr

- 1140 WSSV 101.3 NY Stillwater, r, per Rich Shaftan tip.

12 Es

- 2030 KISR 93.7 AR Fort Smith, r
 2040 KOLL 94.9 AR Maumelle, o
 2043 KVOM 101.7 AR Morrilton, k
 2044 KYKX 103.7 AR Little Rock, rp
 2045 KYKX 106.7 TX Longview, k
 2055 KEOK 101.7 OK Tahlequah, k

24 Tr

- 1250 WOMP 100.5 OH Bellaire, r, per Bill Niensjadly tip

1900 CIMF 94.9 PQ Hull**30 Es**

- 1912 WMMK 92.1 FL Destin, k
 1916 WYOB 91.3 AL Dothan, g
 1923 WKSJ 94.9 AL Mobile, k
 1923 WBLX 92.9 AL Mobile, s

AUGUST 1993 DX**11 Tr**

- 0014 WRHT 96.3 NC Morehead City, r
 0015 WOTJ 90.7 NC Morehead City, g
 0017 WIKS 101.9 NC New Bern, s, steady and solid!
 0023 WTKF 107.3 NC Atlantic, talk, mono
 0024 WNVZ 104.5 VA Norfolk, r Z104 o/WYXR
 0036 WKQT 103.3 NC Newport, r, Classy 103 lame!
 0039 (WSVT) 107.7 VA Winsor, s, ex WXRI
 0045 WHITE 103.7 NC Williamston, r
 0100 WRNS 95.1 NC Kunston, k

**NORTHERN FM DX**

dBRUCE HALL - 5 STIRTON AVE. - BRANTFORD, ONTARIO CANADA N3T 1E2

Equipment: JVC JR-S201 receiver (IF mod w 3/110 filters) Magnum Dynalab Sleuth 205 amp. Probe 9 fed with RG6 at 50' AGL Crown rotor Distances are in kilometres

OCTOBER 1993 DX**1 GW**

- 0757 CICZ 104.1 ON Midland, k, Kicks 104, "You're listening to Kicks 104FM, CICZ 104.1, also re-broadcasting on 1230 CKMP" 184

2 GW

- 0721 CFGX 99.9 ON Sarnia, r, "99.9 The Fox FM, Bluewater's Best Mbc", over CKFM Toronto 171

8 Tr

- 0800 WOWQ 102.1 PA DuBois, "Central PA's #1 country It's 8 o'clock, WOWQ The Voice" ABC news 255

10 Tr/GW

- 0722 WTWR 98.3 MI Monroe, calls, r 288

- 0800 WQRT 98.3 NY Salamanca "We love our country WQRT Salamanca-Olean-Bradford", ABC 167



I sent away for the booklet "Digital Radio, The Sound of the Future" (the Canadian Vision), put out by the task force on the introduction of digital radio. This task force is a government-industry alliance which includes many heavyweights from the CBC, Dept. of Communications, Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Campus and Community Radio, and the CRTC. I found the booklet most disturbing from a DXers standpoint and the future of AM/FM DX but also I am concerned about the future of small community local radio stations. The Canadian vision has chosen the L-band portion of the broadcasting spectrum to move all Canadian AM and FM stations to this L-band. At present, the U.S. domestic L-band is not available for use by digital radio. Many American broadcasters have no desire to see this allocation altered, because they perceive L-band digital radio as a potential threat to existing radio stations. The establishment of L-band digital radio stations would result in the creation of a third radio band (in addition to AM and FM) a new band whose better sounding stations would attract revenue away from conventional AM and FM broadcasters which are already having problems generating sufficient profits in the crowded U.S. radio market. The U.S. effort is trying to develop a form of digital radio that will work within the existing bandwidths allocated to the AM and FM stations without resorting to L-band. This in-band on-channel (I B O C.) solution would not be practical for future satellite use and also AM stations during nighttime hours would be subject to severe interference from distant stations which would seriously degrade digital radio performance in this band. The task force current timetable on the introduction of digital radio on the L-band includes the adoption of technical regulations by 1994, first commercial terrestrial broadcasts of digital radio begin by 1995 & first commercial digital radio receivers come on the market for consumers. By 2003-2005 direct satellite service to begin 2010 and beyond, eventually all AM and FM transmitters in Canada are shut down after the move to the L-band is complete and the public has accepted digital radio. My big concern is what will happen to my and your DX hobby with the digital radio introduction. The purchase of new and expensive equipment will be required by both consumers and broadcasters. I'm also concerned that this technology will be the death of small local broadcasters who could not compete with the big city broadcasters. The Canadian vision seems to be marching to a different tune than the U.S. effort on digital radio. I envision the future of two different systems in use, both not compatible to each other. This reminds me of Beta vs. VHS and the Canadian metric system vs. U.S. system of measurement. My concerns are deep and I would welcome hearing any comments about the Canadian vision. Be they positive or negative as I feel the Canadian public will be bombarded only with the positives of moving all AM and FM to the L-band from only a CD quality, interference-free sound perspective. (Bruce, I doubt propagation conditions would be as favorable for DXing on the L-band, certainly not for skip!-gc) How 'bout them Blue Jays!!!! 7 sheepcat-d8

DECEMBER 1993

dBRUCE HALL - 5 STIRTON AVE. - BRANTFORD, ONTARIO CANADA N3T 1E2

16 TrS
 0700 WHFS 99.1 MD Annapolis, rp '99-1 Washington-Baltimore' 543

- 0635 WVAQ 101.9 WV Morgantown, "WAGR & WVAQ But you can't win if you don't register" 388

20 MS/Ts

- 0702 WHEW 101.9 FL Ft Myers, "Playing Ft Myers Best Music..." 1840
 0723 WRBP 101.9 OH Hubbard, "WRBP FM 102 Jams" 221

21 TrS

- 0659 WVSR 102.7 WV Charleston, "Continuous hits Super 102 WVSR-FM and AM Charleston" 542
 0705 WCPZ 102.7 OH Sandusky, op, calls 272
 0717 WKYS 93.9 DC Washington, calls, time check, official Janet Jackson concert station 543
 0730 WESA 98.3 PA Charleroi, "The home of Pittsburgh Penguins hockey 98.3 WESA", into nx 331

23 Tr

- 0718 WLKA 102.3 NY Canandaigua, "Lake Air WLKA always playing the hits" CKDK now off 102.3 245

NORTHERN FM DX

DECEMBER 1993

FRED NORDQUIST - 7945 BOXFORD RD - CLAY NEW YORK 13041-8606
 Equipment. Receiver-Carver TX 11a with five (Tokyo) 110 khz IF filters mod, switched to 50 khz tuning steps, and mute defeat mod. Antenna-two CM stereo Probe 9s (SP9s) (on separate masts) at 30' & 35' AGL. CAC 11.75 ohm coax feedlines (ca 1/2 wavelength difference at 100 MHz), tuneable phase box (3 mini variable capacitors in series), directional coupler (signal combiner) and RS variable attenuator for antenna matching/phasing, and home brew tuneable bandpass filter box (3 mini variable capacitors, 3 air coils & input/output baluns). Underlined are new to log (with stereo). ELT used

July 1993 DX cont.		
<u>5 Tr</u>		
1000 WMNB 100.1 MA Adams, EZ mx, ID	156	
1030 WCGY 98.7 MA Lawrence, r, ID	254	
1102 <u>WSLJ</u> 88.9 NY Watertown, // WSLU multiple station IDs	60	
<u>5 Es</u> : 1722 no IDs		
<u>6 Es</u> : 1729-1812 to ND		
1807 MDSU 91.9 ND Fargo, wx	1042	
<u>12 Es</u> : 1950-2058 to AL/MS/LA/TX		
2004 WBHM 90.3 AL Birmingham, ID	881	
2005 <u>WUSM</u> 88.5 MS Hattiesburg, news	1090	
2042 WTGE 100.7 LA Baton Rouge, Tiger	1212	
2049 WCKW 92.3 LA LaPlace, local ad	1203	
2053 KAFX 95.5 TX Diboll, K-Fox	1382	

Totals: 1634. Tried MS DXing on August 11th and 12th-no new catches-all the new locals/sumlocals plugging the channels don't help. Noted WRUR 88.5 on w/strong signal in Sept with heavy metal music, but not heard lately. 73-9ed

DANIEL OETTING - 600 W SCHUYKILL RD, Y-6 - POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 19464

Equipment: Harmon-Kardon Citation-23, rabbit ears, and booster

OCTOBER 1993 DX

October 16th Tr cont.		
<u>9 Tr</u>		
0030 WWWK 99.3 NY Elizaville, "K-Lite"		
0115 WTIC 96.5 CT Hartford, r		
0125 WFGB 89.7 NY Kingston		
<u>16 Tr (dense fog)</u>		
0050 WLGL 92.3 PA Riverside		
0100 <u>WCID</u> 89.1 NY Friendship, ID "Wow!" only 3kw? (yep, that's a nice catch-gc)		
0106 WGRG 101.7 NY Owego, r		
0120 WBBS 104.7 NY Fulton, k		



Two days of widespread dense fog brought in some great catches and exceptionally strong signals with just rabbit ears. Tropo was very erratic on October 16. Signals would be very strong from one area from 0 to 15 minutes then fade away and come back just as strong as ever after another area came boomin in. Happy Holidays! Dan O

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
88.7 FM WBFO
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
WBFO is a public radio station serving the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area.

NORTHERN FM DX

DECEMBER 1993

FRANK MERRILL - P.O. BOX 669 - MACOMB, ILLINOIS 61455

ALGLSI 1993 DX

<u>4 Tr</u>		
0205 <u>WFBE</u> 101.9 IN Brownsburg, calls, weak!	228	
<u>4 Es</u>		
1500 KHOY 88.1 TX Laredo		
1501 <u>KLT</u> 90.5 TX Austin, "...T Austin at time in their program promo gave calls and city	809	
1510 MUF of 102.1, towards MT, various		
<u>17 Tr</u>		
2000 KKWS 105.9 MN Wadena, legal ID	470	
2011 <u>WTBX</u> 93.9 MN Hibbing, calls during counti- down, "Madonna, #3 at WTBX"	494	
2019 WMFG 106.3 MN Hibbing, calls, "your home for good time rock n' roll". Hibbing ad, 600watts! 494		
2036 WBHJ 98.3 MN Blackduck, o, in and out all night, I could have used phasing WBHS!		
2120 KBHL 101.1 MN Bemidji, string of ads for Bemidji & Detroit Lakes, KB101 weather	529	
2126 KDKK 97.5 MN Park Rapids, "Park Rapids area forecast". PSA, satellite talk, look out KNXR 498		
2150 KDDL 95.1 MN Detroit Lakes, "Kool 95" oldies, weather, promo, local ads	511	
2200 WSCN 100.5 MN Cloquet, surprise, mono	442	
<u>12 WCDK</u> 99.9 MN Virginia, Iron World concert sponsored by "USA Radio", k (phone confirmation, had been mistaking them for common KAUS)		
Common cause of course, is the anti-corruption grass-roots organization, hl	497	
2235 WFYR 97.3 IL Elmwood, rats!	50	
2242 KWQB 98.7 MN Moorehead, weather talking about showers locally, Queen cut	537	
2248 KLIZ 107.5 MN Brainerd, "Classic rock KLIZ Minnesota's Power .." (fade w/WJDQ)	445	
2300 KKSZ 96.7 MN Sartell, Star 96, address in St.Cloud. WKXQ-BL had just signed off	399	
2303 WJMC 96.3 WI Rice Lake	353	
2338 WLWD 93.1 WI Ladysmith, Brewers BB, IGA ad with ph# 532 3113 (No location given, but I called and Ladysmith IGA answered)	348	
<u>22 Tr</u>		
0346 KRUU 98.3 IA Boone, noted new calls, ID w/ Ames-Des Moines, k, "The Rooster" (more power?) 201		
<u>26 Tr</u>		
1600 KRTI 106.7 IA Grinnell, legal ID	139	
<u>27 Tr</u>		
0201 WZLC 102.1 IL Oglesby, WGLC/WZLC forecast ad for Mendota	105	
<u>29 Tr</u>		
0929 <u>WPTH</u> 88.1 IL Olney, "WPTH, 88.1 on your FM dial", g (aren't they assuming that all FM radios are properly calibrated?)	132	
SEPTEMBER 1993		
<u>16 Super Tr</u>		
2116 KZMZ 96.9 LA Alexandria, Mansura ad (Rte 1) and other ads on tape, haven't checked yet	640	
2158 KJLU 88.9 MO Jefferson City, noted with these new calls, had me fooled at first, thankfully still not all night on this clear frequency!		
Sept. 16 Tr continued		
2359 <u>WOST</u> 92.5 MS Forest, brief legal ID after USA mx, is now g "American Family Radio"	580	
0015 <u>KLAA</u> 103.5 LA Tioga, calls between k	632	
0426 KNOE 101.9 LA Monroe	552	
0459 <u>WJMI</u> 99.7 MS Jackson, "This is mellow morning magic on WJMI Jackson" no WMC!	564	
0509 <u>WMSI</u> 102.9 MS Jackson, MS restaurant assoc MS "ultimate cowgirl" pageant, sponsored by "Miss 103", country	564	
0602 <u>WSYE</u> 93.3 MS Houston, legal, news	462	
0617 <u>WAER</u> 88.3 MS Tupelo, parallel to 92.5, American Family Radio taking out WNIN	440	
0621 <u>WKTE</u> 95.5 MS Jackson, k, Greenwood and Brandon ads (1-20), etc (Frank, note the new calls for them-gc)	564	
0634 <u>KILT</u> 100.3 TX Houston, calls given while talking about CDs, may be new (prev Es?)	784	
0650 <u>KYKR</u> 95.1 TX Beaumont, local, ads, The Kicker, in/out till afternoon!	742	
0652 KMGC 106.1 LA Monroe, first time ever heard with WSMI on the air	552	
0702 WKXI 107.5 MS Magee, soft soul Kixie 107 FM	595	
0704 KRBE 104.1 TX Houston	784	
0712 <u>KODA</u> 99.1 TX Houston, traffic report (Katy Freeway, etc); Texas medical center, Michael Bolton on "Sunny 99 1"		
0731 KURB 98.5 AR Little Rock, bye KTJH!	784	
0802 <u>WJDQ</u> 101.3 MS Meridian, "Serving 2 states 14 counties, 48+ cities. WJDQ Meridian"	569	
0838 <u>KCTQ</u> 103.1 LA Columbia, Columbia area ads thru KDMG, o, called them, NOTE #1	582	
0901 KPXI 100.7 TX MLPleasant	558	
0909 <u>WMBC</u> 103.1 MS Columbus, Kickin 103 k taped and played to them over the phone and they confirmed that is what theirs (in past 1300') 498		
NOTE #1		
0946 <u>WQNZ</u> 95.1 MS Natchez, "Country Favorites 95-Country" after casion ad,	615	
1112 KQK 106.5 TX Galveston, assumed to be this one briefly with Spanish	805	
1131 KYNG 105.3 TX Dallas	644	
KXKZ 107.5 LA Ruston	558	
1152 <u>KKMY</u> 104.5 TX Orange, calls	741	
1218 WZYD 104.3 AL Athens	446	
1220 KYQQ 106.5 KS Arkansas City	415	
1239 KSTM 99.5 OK Henryetta, "never expected this again"	451	
2118 <u>WNX</u> 99.7 GA Atlanta, faded in over WDJX or ?... "You must be a Georgia resident" for contest "99X", Smashing Pumpkins coming to Atlanta, then taken out by next logging (Frank,note calls-gc)		
WWTN 99.7 TN Manchester, what a mess'	424	

Frank Merrill's report continued..

SEPTEMBER 1993 DX

17th Super Tropo continues

2151 **WVAS** 90.7 AL Montgomery, "WVAS FM (4 times) #1", jingle, blues show 608

2159 **WBAM** 98.9 AL Montgomery, legal ID garbled in under WPXR IL 608

2226 **WYAY** 106.7 GA Gainesville, Young k 567
2257 **WJSP** 88.1 GA Warm Springs, "You're listening to Peach State Public Radio", mere promos then legal ID for entire network 618

2346 **WKHX** 101.5 GA Marietta, "Kix 101.5, Atlanta's #1 country music station", o/WCIL 561

18 Super Tr:

0001 **WKLS** 96.1 GA Atlanta, "Atlanta's rock & roll station, WKLS Atlanta, lets ROCK!" 578

0026 **WSB** 98.5 GA Atlanta, B-98.5, prior 6 song set, Atlanta area ads 578

0032 **WSYA** 103.3 AL Montgomery, "This is WSYA the greatest variety from the 70s, 80, & 90s" 608

0036 **WVEE** 103.3 GA Atlanta, V103, jammin' 578

0048 **WHHY** 101.9 AL Montgomery, legal ID FM AM, Bryan Adams song, ad, WVEM IL is still

not on the air all night

608
0052 **WZGC** 92.9 GA Atlanta, weak! (WSEI, etc CCI), Z93, Atlanta s... into legal ID 578

0103 **WLRH** 89.3 AL Huntsville, sign off 454

0209 **WLBF** 89.1 AL Montgomery, community calendar brought to you by WLBF 608

0300 **WRAS** 88.5 GA Atlanta, "It's 4:00 on WRAS Atlanta, the 100,000 w. voice of GA State" 578

0517 **WAJR** 88.3 MS Tupelo 440

0520 **WZRR** 99.5 AL Birmingham, "Classic Rock 99 would like to welcome Robert Plant to B'ham" 524

0523 **WENN** 107.7 AL Birmingham, s formal, "107.7 FM, we're getting into the good stuff". Howard

Powell DJ, phone verie later

524
0534 **WEIS** 89.5 TN Johnson City, legal ID at 25 before 7, sports 533

0551 **WLDI** 106.9 AL Birmingham, "The New Oldies 106.9", local mentions, legal ID 524

0614 **WZBQ** 102.5 AL Jasper, ads for Birmingham none for Jasper, clearly a trim shorter 494

0618 **KSTG** 97.9 MO Sikeston, KMPL/KSTG wx and farm report, I guess I'll never get this on 97.7 now, hi. 253

0625 **WIVK** 107.7 TN Knoxville 479

1731 **WUTC** 88.1 TN Chattanooga, promo for reggae show, "You're listening to WUTC Chattanooga Jazz 88", chased this for 3 hours! 474

1736 **WUSY** 100.7 TN Cleveland, US101, Chattanooga's hot country favorites" 483

1740 **WKSF** 99.9 NC Asheville 556

1749 **WCNC** 88.7 NC Spindale 592

1755 **WMIT** 106.9 NC Black Mountain, "These didn't last, was hoping for big NC/SC opening" 564

1759 **WTXT** 98.1 AL Fayette, "98. XT, Tuscaloosa choice for hot country" 492

Sept. 18 Tr cont.

1807 **WJDJ** 93.9 KY Burnside, United Way of S KY, o format, uniplex-zillionth try for this! 405

1814 **WYAY** 106.7 GA Gainesville, in all night 567

1824 **WSKZ** 106.5 TN Chattanooga's rock KZ106 B.Jff bash '93 remote 474

1835 **WFOX** 97.1 GA Gainesville 567

1841 **WSYE** 93.3 MS Houston, in all night 462

1845 **WEZY** 95.3 IN Brookston, m, calls, wx 205

1902 1918 **WSMC** 100.5 TN Collegedale, couldn't ID atop Macomb xtr several times 482

1945 **WDOD** 96.5 TN Chattanooga 474

2000 **WMBW** 88.9 TN Chattanooga 474

2359 **KELE** 106.7 MO Mt.Vernon, "This is Light 106.7 KELE Mt.Vernon, MO, it's 12:00" 287

KQLL 106.1 OK Owasso 403

19 Tr

0020 **WHHY** 101.9 AL Montgomery 608

0038 **WNJC** 88.9 MS Senatobia, "The WKNO Stations" 403

0042 **KMVK** 106.7 AR Benton, "The Maverick" 0054 KMVK jingle, k 420

0137 **KWND** 88.3 MO Springfield, "The Wind" jingle and Ozarks weather 263

0143 **KFFB** 106.1 AR Fairfield Bay, rare, does not get out well 346

0452 **WRYR** 104.5 TN Memphis, legal ID after wx a "Memphis moment" on "The River" 369

0454 **WWZD** 106.7 MS New Albany 422

0500 **WEVL** 88.9 TN Memphis, legal ID 369

0505 **WIST** 94.3 TN Loberville, they are still on this frequency 356

0526 **WMJJ** 96.5 AL Birmingham 524

0725 **WGSQ** 94.7 TN Cookville, The k Giant, keep TN green, Cookville car ad, in past noon! (They

don't call it The Country GIANT for nothing, h/gc) 407

0805 **WAXM** 93.5 VA Big Stone Gap, after CBS ox "The best country in the country is 93X, WAXM See NOTE 2 492

1100 **WLDL** 106.9 AL Birmingham 524

2258 **KQRS** 92.5 MN Golden Valley, rare 344

2354 **KWEZ** 106.7 AR Truman, first ever N.E. Ark.

District Fair mud wrestling championships, listen to Ticket 107 (?) for details, NOTE 3 329

22 Tr

0031 **WGLR** 97.7 WI Lancaster, "723-4575, you can call now (I did, and WGLR answered, immediately confirming"), Billy Ray Cyrus song, have tried for them forever, blasting away KCLN-IA 526

24 Tr

2123 **WEGW** 107.5 WV Wheeling, Eagle 107 526

2124 **WBUK** 107.5 OH Ft.Shawnee, Oldies 107, gave EDT time and a 222-phone number, which I later called, and it worked! 344

2130 **WXLT** 95.1 WV Parkersburg, "rock took out WDZQ IL, but soon lost it" 491

Frank Merrill's report continued..

Sept. 24 Tr continued

2204 **WNCO** 101.3 OH Ashland 439
2225 **WBZW** 107.7 OH Loudonville, "set your button on the car radio to Oldies 107 WBZW" 443

2240 **WWIE** 105.9 IN Wabash, "It's 10:40 & we've got -- in Wabash", ads, Pride 105.9 255

2249 **WSNX** 104.5 MI Muskegon 297
2250 **WCEZ** 107.9 OH Delaware, wx at EZ108 overlooking I-270, Columbus car ad 400

2326 **WDET** 101.9 MI Detroit, legal ID, reggae I have been trying for this for years! 416

2332 **WCRZ** 107.9 MI Flint, Cars 108 401
2352 **WHNN** 96.1 MI Bay City 411
2356 **WKLQ** 94.5 MI Hilland, rare 285

25 Tr

0001 **WCYE** 88.1 MI Wyoming, calls, weak 310
0006 **WKUZ** 95.9 IN Wabash, end of football, huge sponsor list sounded like every business place

in Wabash! 255
0051 **WIOG** 102.5 MI Bay City 411

0056 **WOWQ** 101.7 MI Muskegon Heights, temp Rock 101.7, first new Tr 101.7 here in years 298

0102 **WUGN** 99.7 MI Midland 396
WEMU 89.1 MI Ypsilanti 387

0112 **KGRS** 107.3 IA Burlington, ran legal ID "it's 2:00" Somebody goofed-I'm gonna tell!! 40

0550 **WKSQ** 99.7 OH Paulding, took out blaster WSHW-IN, called them for verification 322

0600 **WIDK** 103.1 IL Morris, legal, CNN nx 133 NOTE 5

0627 **WHVT** 90.5 OH Clyde, almost sure it was them satellite religion screaming for money, no local info to verify, faded below Macomb xtr-rats!



NOTE 1 (17 Sept 0838/0909): It never fails to surprise me how, during a good Tr opening, a station will often come in, "if it wants to", even with formidable obstacles. After cursing new local KDMG-IA (40), I could've never expected to log 2 Gulf state Tr's through it without phasing, only a half hour apart, neither state ever heard via Tr on a Class A freq, before! But only LA is a true Class A, I don't count MS as one because it's high power. Ahhh. it doesn't get much better than this.

NOTE 2 (19 Sept 0805): I guess I made the right decision on July 27, to devote my chasing to WKXO 106.7, and not this because now I have both WKXO AND my 24th Tr state. Rather than fuss with finding it heck-knows-where on the July 27 tape, I'll just log it now and keep July 27 as an unresolved tentative.

NOTE 3 (19 Sept 2354): This is my 25th Tr on 106.7, and I now have 11,122 Tr miles on that freq. (a record?) I'm in no hurry for Sullivan, IL to vacate 106.3 for this, but by the time they do, I may have no 106.7 Tr's left, hi.

NOTE 4 (7 Oct 0358): I make an effort to tape all my ID's, initially feeding the audio and external video into the VCR. I didn't get the tape running in time to catch this 900 watter, darn, they interrupted satellite stuff early for the ID, and at 0400 (when I had the tape going) they only had dead air. An obvious solution is to have the tape running all the time, but I haven't transferred any ID's since June (to audio cassettes), and I would probably have 25 or 30 video tapes stacked up by now if I did it that way.

NOTE 5 (7 Oct 0600): I guess that, even if KDMG hadn't been here, this freq. was "in for it" anyway. A quick check (not guaranteed accurate) seems to show me with 24 Tr loggings here, so watch out, 106.7! I expect to get Jackson TN here someday, as there is sort of a KDMG null to the south.

Not a peep yet from Keokuk 105.9. I hope it stays that way! Tropo this year nearly reminds me of 1980. At least, for the first time I moved to Macomb, I've been having a season where much of the UHF Tr also affected FM! During 1991, for instance, I had almost no FM Tr of any type whatsoever, despite TV openings

Frank Merrill's comments continued..

...to Texas, etc. Anugust/September continued my saga of "cleaning up Indiana Class A's", and some very welcome OH stuff came in on several occasions, from a deceptively hard-to-hear state. A good example of the dearth of FM Tr most of my time in Macomb was that it originally took me 4 or 5 years to hear anything from Louisville KY at only 303 miles. September 16-19 was probably my best Tr opening of all time, perhaps only because I had a mediocre and inconvenient FM setup on Thanksgiving 1986. It was my second best TV Tropo ever (surpassing anything ever seen in Ohio when also considering its huge swath), only behind that same 1986 opening. Getting Texans at noon was stunning...I'd sure enjoy another one of these! Local WIUS 88.3, WIU's student station with a mix of alternative rock, rap, and metal, signs on early (0700 I think) and runs past midnight. WZLZ-103.9 IL has indeed been off the air. Were they flooded out, will they be back, does anybody know? Their absence helped me clean up on 103.9 this summer. I hope all readers had great DX! 78

ALAN R. MILLMAKER (KA9GUL) - 2714 LAKE RD. - CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS 62801

Equipment: Lafayette 3030 receiver, Antenna: Winegard CH6065 up 30 ft. on a Radio Shack Archer II rotor, with RG6 coax, no amp, **all stations reported are new.**

SEPTEMBER 1993 DX

21 Tr
0300 WIHN 96.7 IL Normal, Oldies 96.7
0606 WMOD 96.7 TN Bolivar
26 Tr
0029 WIXY 100.3 IL Champaign, confirmed location from Matt Sittel-thanks!

OCTOBER 1993 DX

4 Tr
0420 WFMS 95.5 IN Indianapolis
0502 WQMF 95.7 IN Jeffersonville
5 Tr
0021 WMXL 94.5 KY Lexington, Mix 94.5 (Alan, note the new calls-gc)
0152 WFXF 103.3 IN Indianapolis, "The X"



RICHARD CONTONE - 162-07 87th ST. - JAMAICA, NEW YORK 11414

Equipment: Radio Shack Optiums STA-795 digital stereo receiver, Winegard TV-18 inch parabolic reflector antenna, RG59 coax, approx. 75 feet, 1989 Cadillac car stereo radio with equalizer.

OCTOBER 1993 DX

6 Tr
0745 WRTN 93.5 NY New Rochelle, there is a station out of phase with WRTN, data indicates somewhere in New York State, hope by next month I can catch it.
11 Tr
1730 WBAB 102.3 NY Babylon, classic rock
13 Tr
0804 WPDH 101.5 NY Poughkeepsie, under WKXW, I prefer it

October 6 Tr

2253 KKRQ 100.7 IA Iowa City, Oldies 100.7, call 2334 WFBQ 94.7 IN Indianapolis, slogan of Q95 heard over KSHE.

7 Tr

1920 WQXE 98.5 KY Elizabethtown, Quicksee

8 Tr

0153 WQFE 101.9 IN Brownsburg, big band mix 0204 WGRL 104.5 IN Indianapolis, The Bear

9 Tr

1958 WBWB 96.7 IN Bloomington, B97

11 Tr

0332 WXST 105.3 TN Loudon, confirmed by phone 0406 WVRY 105.1 TN Waverly, V-105 0428 WJEZ 93.7 IL Pontiac, over KSD 0823 WWTN 99.7 TN Manchester 2022 KFMZ 98.3 MO Columbia, rock music 0207 WCRI 98.5 IL Eureka, EZL

Total now stands at 270. 784

Oct. 25 Tr

1226 WBEA 104.7 NY Montauk, B104, no call under WSPK 105

30 Tr

— WFMU 91.1 NJ East Orange, college in E.Orange, NJ, good signal on tropo (Tr) 22 0926 WNET 91.9 NJ Newark, audio of this TV-13 on this freq, this signal blasted through the band, looking fr a real FM station under it. I am looking forward to November,

Richard Contone

Equipment: JVC auto-radio, VW whip, distances are from Fred's printout, all times EDT.

OCTOBER 1993 DX**7 Tr**

1447 WMXE 103.7 PA Erie, ID as "Mix 103.7" good through local on 103.9

1500 WFGQ 94.7 PA Erie, with oldies "The New Froggy 94.7". How long has this one been on? (and what is the address?) (I think it had only been on for a few weeks when you heard them, I can't come up with an address for them here-too new. Maybe information would have it?-gc) 1505 WCTL 106.3 PA Union City, with gospel and ID al 1525 over CJBC/WMCR.

Note: WYNQ 93.3 is no longer // to WYSL 1030, has a music rather than a talk format (and the calls have switched to WEZO-gc). Not FM, but WPXY 1280 will become WHTK on Monday, November 1. From what I read in the paper they will follow what I would call a "wackier than Rush" call-in format with Liddy, etc. So I suppose that Bruce Elving would now call 97.9 WPXY, not WPXY-FM.

JOHN EBELING - 9209 VINCENT AVE. - BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA 55431

REPORT FROM BLOOMINGTON, MN (CST):**AUGUST 1993 DX****11 MS**

2215 WMP1 100.9 IN Scottsburg

August 14 Tr

1215 WGEM 105.1 IL Quincy, WAVC off 492

2330 WYFA 100.9 GA Waynesboro

1228 K2PZ 105.1 MN Lakeville

12 MS & Tr

0630 WBDQ 100.9 IN Huntingburg

- 0940 KQLX 106.1 ND Lisbon, Hit kicking country

2244 KCZQ 102.3 IA Cresco

1000 K2B0BQ 89.5 MN Brainerd, KAXE xtr 87

2300 KWQC 95.7 IA Webster City

118 18 Tr

0630 WBDQ 100.9 IN Huntingburg

0025 KGRC 90.9 MO Hannibal, wx, ID, note: a weird one. KGRC is on 92.9, same as local WSCD. This

2244 KCZQ 102.3 IA Cresco

signal was overriding the MPR signal on WIRR Virginia fed by WSCD 92.9 Duluth! Have the whole mess on tape. Don't know just how to count this one. Any ideas?? (508 mi. + 72 = 580 mi, from cabin to MO, cabin to Virginia, and return) (John, I'm not sure

2300 KWQC 95.7 IA Webster City

how to count this. Since it was actually WIRR you heard, picking up KGRC and not WSCD by mistake, I don't think this is countable. But then again I think the rules say that you can count stations received by the cable TV headend, a similar situation, sort of. But cable headends are usually within your 25 mi. radius, and WIRR is 72 miles. So I'm not sure what the rules say about this one, if anybody does, let John know!-gc)

16 Tr

2302 KBEW 98.1 MN Blue Earth, new k (weak) 92

1228 K2PZ 105.1 MN Lakeville

21 Tr

2205 KMCH 94.7 IA Manchester

118 18 Tr

0845 KARP 96.1 MN Glencoe, new "Carp Radio"

phone number: 612-587-5696

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2150 KSDD 92.9 SD Watertown, WSCD off

260 19 Tr

2305 WLUM 102.1 WI Milwaukee

1559 KTFC 101.5 MN Crosby, K101 (ex 101.7) 73

2321 KXDL 99.7 MN Browerville,

1530 KMXK 94.9 MN Litchfield (thru KQDS) 158

"rock and roll oldies"

Sept. 27 Tr

2336 KBK 93.7 SD Brookings

0730 KARP 96.1 MN Glencoe, new

2337 KSSZ 92.7 ND Kindred

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AUGUST 1993 DX**1 Tr**

0003 K240B 95.9 MN Park Rapids (KTIG xtr)

116 23 Tr

1155 KWNG 105.9 MN Re Wing

1029 KIAJ 93.9 IA Mason City, local

WTBX was very weak

268 24 Tr

1015 KSJZ 93.3 ND Jamestown

1029 KASM 105.5 MN Albany

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Not much FM to report from MN. Did have a couple of catches logged on tape overnight during the Perseids shower(s). Hard to find an open frequency to monitor! Regards, John Ebeling

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24 Trs	
2314 WFLN 95.7 PA Philadelphia, c\$ or WPIG	269
25 Trs	
2005 WCDQ 100.9 NY Sidney, wx, calls	173
30 Trs	
1016 WQHG 106.3 PA Huntington, local ments, rare 1020 WHTG 106.3 NJ Eatontown, modern rock, local ments, NJ # 16.	176
1045 CJOJ 95.5 ON Belleville, now that CJBC1 has vacated this freq. for 94.3, this is on the air testing with rock (\$), says first day of programming will be Dec. 1. 104	300
1248 WKHS 90.5 MD Worton, on top of WBER with mentions of WXPN 88.5, MD #24, Thanks Paul!	289
1259 WBIG 100.3 DC Washington, oldies\$ ex: WDJY & WJZE	292

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7 Trs & MS	
2100 (WKRL) 100.9 NY N.Syracuse, back on the air with rp\$, "K-Rock", // 94.9 WKLL Frankfort, ex: WEZG	129
2315 CBAF14 95.9 NS Sydney, FF talk	937
2329 WSRD 104.9 NY Johnstown, in strong	215
8 Trs	
2250 WVOS 95.9 NY Liberty, plv/CFPL, "Mountain Country weather, \$", FM logging #1700	217



There has been absolutely no trop openings whatsoever. But as you can see there has been some decent tropo scatter towards the southeast back over the mountains. For some reason this time of the year seems to be very good for that sort of propagation. There was some TV skip to Kansas one Sunday (thanks Dave Nieman for the tip!) recently, but no FM for me since the summer. Thanks to all the reporters who have contributed to Northern FM DX during 1993; I enjoy hearing from all of you, and look forward to hearing from you next year, and hopefully some new reporters too! Also a big thank you to all VUD column editors, and the staff at HQ, for helping to make 1993 another great year for the WTFDA!

STATION NEWS:

Thanks go out this month to these people for contributions to Station News: Matt Sittel, Doug Smith, Mike Cheny, Jerry Monroe, Jim Renfrew, John Ebeling, Dan Oetting, Ralph Strobel, Mike Hawk, Bill Dulmage, Frank Merrill, Dave Nieman, Paul Mount, Tim Noonan, and Paul Swearingen. Thanks also to Paul S. for sending an article regarding KJTY 88.1 Topeka and the controversial resignation of their general manager over differences with the station's parent company. Nine staff members walked out in support of the former general manager...

CANADA:

CJOJ 95.5 Belleville, Ontario is on testing now that CJBC1 has vacated that frequency for 94.3. They are in stereo, playing rock tracks, and promising the first day of programming will be December 1st. I have heard a slogan of 'OJ 95.5' given. CFMX 103.1 and CFMXT 96.3 are now using the slogan 'Classical 96 & 103'. Call letters are no longer used, I don't think. In British Columbia, several new relay stations are noted on the air: CIWC 102.7 Tofino, BC, in MONO, relaying CJJR 93.7 Vancouver, country music 'JR Country'. Also in Tofino: CFMI-?, 104.7, mono translator of album rock CFMI 101.1 New Westminster/Vancouver. An CJWC 107.3 Ucluelet, BC is on, in stereo, as another translator of CJJR. Both these communities are on the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island.

NORTHEAST US:

In New York, 106.1 Coming changed calls to WNKL, to go along with its new "Wink-FM" slogan. They

have been heard giving fake calls of "WINK-FM". They are upbeat adult contemporary. In Avon-Rochester, on 93.3, the news/talk format parallel to AM 1030 was short lived. The call letters are now WEZO, the old 101.3 Rochester calls, and a soft adult contemporary/easy listening format. 100.9 North Syracuse is back on the air after a short silence, as WKRL, with album rock, "K-Rock", simulcasting WKLL 94.9 Frankfort-Utica-Rome. WTKW 99.5 Bridgeport-Syracuse goes classic rock from country. Maybe they will pickup the WKFM calls, which have vacated 104.7 and 104.3! I noted WVOS 95.9 Liberty as now country, with a "Mountain Country" slogan. WAAL 99.1 Binghamton is supposedly to be going in more of a classic rock direction. In Pennsylvania, WWBV 106.1 Beaver Springs and WLNS 96.3 Lewisburg are simulcasting, with a "V-Rock" slogan. WLNS's calls have not changed as far as I know.

SOUTHEAST:

News from Georgia...there has been question recently as to the calls of 106.1 Sylvester: well they are WKMK. WOKF 92.5 Folkston is country, with a "K92" slogan, IDing with Kings Bay and Jacksonville (FL). Two items from the Carolinas this month: longtime Myrtle Beach top 40 station WBPR 97.7 Georgetown goes to hot a/c as WEMX, "Mix 97.7". In addition, WNCK 99.7 Port Royal, which just changed recently from top 40 WHTK to country, has now been heard with adult standards, simulcasting WLOW 106.9 Bluffton. In Virginia, specifically the Norfolk area, WMYA 96.1 Cape Charles has gone modern rock, with the slogan '96X'. MORE STATION NEWS TO COME

STATION NEWS (Southeast):

Listen for WKHS 90.5 Worton, Maryland to be simulcasting WXPN 88.5 Philadelphia at times. From Florida..."Disney Radio" (KA2XXZ 107.9) is now broadcasting in stereo. Another station in the Sunshine State that has embraced stereophony is WGWD 93.3 Gretna. WNFQ 100.5 Newberry is using the slogan "Foxy Hot 100 One-Double-Oh-Five". A big change in Tallahassee this month: 101.5 Quincy is WFHT no more: now they are WXSR, "Star 101.5", and adult top 40: "Superstars of the 80s and 90s". And WPPM 107.9 Panama City, now "Kiss FM" is moving back more towards the mainstream top 40 direction again. News from Alabama...two new translators have been noted in the Huntsville area, one for WKDF 103.3 Nashville on 105.7 (that really gets out!), and one for WAYM 88.7 Columbia, TN on 88.1. WMC 97.1 Millbrook-Montgomery has gone to an urban format as "Magic 97.1, Montgomery's Adult Favorites". In the Birmingham area, WWBR 105.9 Trussville is on the air as "The Bear" with an eclectic album rock format. From Linden, AL, WINL 98.5 is country "Young Country Win 98.5", and WNPT 102.9 is urban "T103". WJEC 106.5 Vernon is on with satellite A/C and J106". WXFL 96.1 Florence is also sat. a/c, "96X The Hit Mix". WZNJ Demopolis is not yet on 106.5, they are still on 106.3, with a c-oldies. WAZK 92.5 Trinity is classic rock with a "92.5 Rock" slogan. Alabama gains another 105.9, as WKXM Winfield is on the air now. In Tennessee, WNWS 101.5 Jackson is supposedly on the air now, with local and syndicated talk. These are the same calls as an FM station in the Memphis area, so there is the possibility there is a simulcast going on. Also WAYM 88.7 Columbia adds another translator-W258AZ, on 95.7, in Fayetteville.

MIDWEST:

In Indiana, note that the calls on "Q101" South Whitley are WLZQ, not WQBX as has been reported in some places. There must have been a call change sometime. In Wisconsin, WLDY 93.1 Ladysmith changes calls to WJBL and goes to an oldies format. In Illinois, WMMC 105.9 Marshall is back on the air with a soft, a/c format. In Minnesota, KARP 96.1 Glencoe is on the air, with a slogan "Carp Radio". Some changes in Missouri..KBXR 106.1 Ashland-Columbia has reportedly come on the air with alternative rock. 106.9 Jefferson City's life as KKFA are short lived as they return to their old calls of KIXY, with a rock format, but "without the hard rock". Reported on the air is KWND 88.3 Springfield, with a slogan of "The Wind". KMZA 92.1 Seneca, Kansas, is "Kansaland Radio" and sometimes simulcasts KNZA 103.9 Hiawatha. Two items of note from Iowa: KIOW Forest City has moved from 102.3 to 107.3. Also 106.1 Clarinda is now 'B106', KKBZ, KDAB 94.9 Prairie Grove, Arkansas is on the air with religion, parallel to AM 1580 KDFD Van Buren, which I am told



Christopher W. Ranley, 1321 Beecher Ave., Galesburg IL 61401-2027

1993 TV:

Fri Jun 18 Es ch 5 1925 CDT -- "The Untouchables". PTA: TX. A Fox show, but Fox also syndicates some shows out.
 Fri Jun 18 Es ch 3 1930 CDT -- Couldn't make out calls; KLSJ? Ad for Regency Toyota. PTA: TX.
 Fri Jun 18 Es ch 4 1935 CDT -- ABC's "Step By Step". PTA: TX. (Isn't that when it is run nationally? Can't really say on that one. -mcs)
 Mon Jun 21 Es ch 3 1820 CDT -- "...check your local news for delivery on the peninsula" (at end of a pizza ad). WSAZ-3 Huntington WV is at the time, but no peninsulae there. WTKR? (Makes sense! -mcs)
 Sat Jul 3 Es ch 4 1205 CDT -- PBS' "Reading Rainbow" (audio, under WHBF.) PTA: FL, s.e. (A TV Guide from 5 weeks before that does not check for WUNC, the only PBS on 4 I can think of. -mcs)
 Sat Jul 3 Es ch 4 1232 CDT -- "Special Miami edition of..." some sort of travel show, highlighting Waikiki and Orlando, sponsored by Fuji. I don't want to make trouble for myself, but does anyone know if this is a local Miami show, or syndicated, or what? PTA: FL. I'd like it to be WTVJ, but I just didn't hear enough to be sure.

Saul Chernos, 57 Berkeley St., Toronto ON M5A 2W5 CANADA (416) 364-0725

1993 FM:

Wed Jun 9 tr 104.9 1253 EDT -- "Laser 105", Elmira and twin 93.5 mentioned. PTA: cent. NY
 Thu Jul 1 Es 90.5 1315 EDT -- g or m, "90.5 FM", CATH TAMPA (Do you mean Catholic programming, Saul? If so, yes that is WBVM Tampa. -mcs)
 Thu Jul 1 Es 90.5 1405 EDT -- g, "FM 90.5" GAINES WYFB (Is that a question or an answer?? They are gospel, a BBN affiliate. -mcs)
 Sat Jul 3 Es 99.9 1851 EDT -- "Kicks 99.9", k. (My local WHKX, Lafayette FL!! -mcs)
 Fri Jul 23 tr 106.5 0050 EDT -- "The New W--- 106.5 FM", m. PTA: Buffalo off, ne OH, e. PA, e-c NY.
 Sun Jul 25 tr 107.7 0401 EDT -- "WACL". PTA: MI, PA, OH, NY, maybe IN.

1993 TV:

Fri Jun 11 Es ch 2 1050 EDT -- Spanish, Cuba and Mexico mentioned. PTA: OK, TX.
 Sat Jul 24 Es ch 2 1203 EDT -- One or two stations...ABC for sure at 1200, then a brief fade-out, then "Winnie The Pooh" cartoon. I guess the ABC is WBRZ-LA, but does it carry Winnie cartoons? (Yes but so do most ABC's at that time. Not too many other ABC 2's, but can you say for sure it wasn't KMID, for that matter? -mcs) PTA: AR, MO, OK, TX.

Jim Pizzi, 814 Brookhill Dr., Paso Robles CA 93446

1993 FM:

Wed Jun 16 Es 97.3 1035 ?DT -- "B 97.3", Grand Island, NE ads. Ex-KMTY? (Yep, KLRL are the calls now, confirmed by none other than myself and Greg Coniglio when we were in Grand Island!! -mcs)
 Thu Jun 24 Es 97.3 1035 ?DT -- "Star 97 FM", oldies rock. KATX?
 Wed Jul 14 Es 97.3 1121 ?DT -- "The Zoo", mentioned Omaha Civic Auditorium.
 Tue Aug 17 96.5 1912 ?DT -- KWIO, oldies rock. (MT, ND, TX, CO, and NM at this time.) (What about KMYO, Sheridan WY? Close! -mcs)

Fernando Garcia, Guadalupe NL Mexico (some of his unIDs courtesy Jeff Kruszka)

1992 TV:

Wed Oct 14 tr ch 13 0325 HCM -- Home Shopping Net. PTA: LA, MS.
 Sat Dec 12 tr ch 33 1305 HCM -- Home Shopping Net. PTA: LA, MS, AL, FL.
 1993 TV:
 Sat Feb 20 tr ch 69 1020 HCM -- CBS. PTA: TX, LA.
 Tue Mar 9 tr ch 47 2335 HCM -- relay of WVLA-33?
 Tue Mar 9 tr ch 50 2352 HCM -- TBN. PTA: north FL, S. GA, MS, AL.
 Wed Mar 17 tr ch 66 0225 HCM -- Home shopping. PTA: TX, LA.
 Tue Apr 6 tr ch 55 0622 HCM -- relays KIII-3. PTA: south TX.
 Sun Apr 11 tr ch 39 1100 HCM -- MSTV. PTA: LA, MS, FL.
 Sun Apr 11 tr ch 52 1950 HCM -- Home shopping, seen often during Gulf openings. PTA: MS, LA, AL. (There is an LPTV in Mobile AL that's Home Shopping. -mcs)
 Sun Apr 11 tr ch 21 2310 HCM -- Home Shopping net. PTA: LA, MS, FL.
 Mon Apr 12 tr ch 15 0810 HCM -- North, ABC. PTA: n or ne TX.

CCI (un)Identified DX), December 1993 Garcia, cont.

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Sat Apr 24 tr ch 29 0215 HCM -- Home shopping. PTA: n FL, GA, MS, AL.
 Sat Apr 24 tr ch 14 0320 HCM -- Music videos. PTA: n FL, GA, MS, AL.
 Sat Apr 24 tr ch 55 0410 HCM -- VJN, GA UHF's strong, like local.
 Thu Jun 3 tr ch 51 0510 HCM -- TBN, PTA: AL, MS, GA. (There is an ACTS religious affiliate in Tifton GA on ch 51. -mcs)
 Fri Jun 4 tr ch 48 0130 HCM -- Channel America. PTA: north MS, AL, GA.
 Fri Jun 4 tr ch 65 0447 HCM -- Relays KXAN-36. PTA: TX.
 Sat Jul 3 Es ch 4 2110 HCM -- Carrying KAKE-10 news. PTA: KS. (That is definitely KLBY, Colby, KS. -mcs)
 Mon Jul 5 tr ch 2 0540 HCM -- Carrying WJTV-12 news. PTA: AL. (WHLT-22 runs their news, did you leave off a 2 when you wrote this down by mistake? -mcs)
 Mon Jul 5 Es ch 2 2020 HCM -- News with Monica Kaufman.
 Sun Jul 25 tr ch 43 2135 HCM -- TBN. PTA: northeast TX, northwest LA.
 Mon Jul 26 tr ch 27 0345 HCM -- TBN. PTA: same as above.
 Frank Merrill, PO Box 669, Macomb IL 61455 (this report courtesy Greg Coniglio)

1993 FM:

Thu Jun 17 tr 106.7 0201 CDT -- Another station from SE of here all morning with a tape loop saying "Friday...Friday...Friday" over and over, telephone busy signal, toilet flushing, bits of "Day-O" (Banana Boat song), water dripping, etc. Surely this was one of those crazy promos just before a format change. Suspect Mt. Vernon IN.

Fri Jun 18 Es 101.3 1903 CDT -- Booty ad, (Tyndall Parkway), Callaway ad, Cedar Grove ads, these are all Panama City area, nothing listed, into Braves baseball. (PTA: FL.) (Frank, that is WYOO, Springfield FL, which is near Panama City. They are a fairly new station to the air. -mcs)

Tue Jun 29 Es 100.9 1237 CDT -- unknown Mexican station. (XHFDQ, San Fernando, TAM? -mcs)
 Tue Jun 29 Es 100.3 1239 CDT -- "Estereo Misbra". PTA: Mexico.
 Tue Jun 29 Es 99.7 1259 CDT -- "Nostalgia FM", romantic pop music, no legal ID at 1301, into next song, but at 1239 time was given as '12:01', so they probably ID'd before the previous song. String of ads mentioned 'Ojinaga, Avenida de la Constitucion'. This may have been the name of the advertiser. Or, could this be a station in Ojinada, Coahuila, across from Presidio, TX? I thought probably Monterrey at first, but stronger ones like the 98.9 and 94.1 were absent at the time.

Sat Jul 3 2E? 89.9 1435 CDT -- This strange 89.9 signal lasted for about 10 minutes, sounded like 'serious' chorus music in Spanish, MONO, with muddy audio. Suspect Caribbean or even north coast of South America, but I'll never know. Or perhaps Dominican Republic, because I had started hearing salsa on 89.1. (HI?? Santo Domingo, DR) persisted long after the 89.9 had completely disappeared forever. The 89.1 didn't talk much until I caught a string of ads for a beer store, auto towing, and 'telefono 6-8-9-15-7-9'. for 'Radio Wow (or Wao)'. I knew it was really something 'good' when it was dumping out when I moved the antenna toward Mexico.

Tue Jul 6 Es 92.3 1731 CDT -- "Radio Camarita". PTA: Mexico.
 Tue Jul 6 Es 98.3 1823 CDT -- "FM Globo" sounded Mexican but could have been a domestic PTA: TX, Mexico.

Tue Jul 13 tr 104.3 0209 CDT -- Antenna toward MN (taking advantage of missing WJEQ 102.7 hash as they were off, station gave 576-7104 for requests, country format. I tuned antenna in all directions and found this nowhere else. (Greg says: 'Frank, I checked the phone number and it matches KBEQ in KC. They did recently go country.')

Tue Jul 13 tr 102.7 0249 CDT -- Whatever legal ID at the top of the hour, this was very weak, and garbled from the fading in of what would be WCPZ. I did catch a 'Country 102' and something that sounded like 'listened to in more places than..'. Any ideas? I would really like to do what I can to 'confirm' this to a source. Antenna east at about 105°, trying for WEBN-9H. I will hang on to my tape of this; this is nearly as unlikely (to ever be heard again) as Bill Eckberg's 'chicken head' test pattern of several years ago. (Greg replies: 'Frank, since the NRC convention

I have more information that leads me to think you heard WLNB Ligonier, Indiana. I found they now relay WGTC 102.3 New Carlisle-South Bend, which is 'Country 102'. 102.3 Auburn-Ft. Wayne IN is also on the 'network'. That would also explain the 'listened to in more places' remark made by the station, and it matches your PTA. Hope you can figure it out!')

Fri Sep 17 tr 100.7 0549 CDT -- 'Oldies 100.7', phone 329-1007 (I tried 1A 319, MO 314, and area codes in the PTA but this # worked at no station, who?) (Greg comments: 'Frank, KGMO uses that slogan, although they are in 314. I don't know offhand of another station with that slogan.') PTA: LA/MS.

Fri Sep 17 tr 104.3 1309 CDT -- 'BJ Thomas on Oldies 104, 9 minutes after 1, I'm Steve Crocker' (KEZP-LA says it isn't them.) PTA: TX to GA. (But it can't be Georgia since they are EDT and you heard the time to be the same as when you logged it, in your local time, CDT. -mcs)

Fri Sep 24 tr 95.1 2152 CDT -- Suspect WFBE-MI, high school football, 6:38 left, Comets ahead 13-0, suspect I shall be able to figure this out. PTA: OH/MI.

Rich Gallison, RFD 1, Box 2151, Charleston ME 04422
1993 FM:

Tue Aug 3 Es 98.1 2002 CDT -- 'Cool 98.1', oldies. PTA: KY. (Probably WYKL. -Greg)
Thu Aug 5 Es 93.7 2300 CDT -- '93X', rock. PTA: WI/MN. (KRXX Minneapolis. -Greg)
Thu Aug 5 Es 92.1 2327 CDT -- 'Q-92'.

Rich Shaftan, 39 Old Middletown Rd., Rockaway NJ 07866

1993 FM: (Bandscan from Emigrant MT)

Mon Jul 19 92.7 'KGLT' (KLGT, Buffalo WY? -Greg), 95.9 KEMC???

Daniel Oetting, 600 W Schuylkill Rd. 4-6, Pottstown PA 19464

1993 FM:

Sat Aug 14 MS 101.7 0920 EDT -- French talk.

Now, some ID's!

Eric Fader: Better late than never... from the 5/92 VUD, your 7/19/91 logging of a 92.9 with a 'Jaymart Jewelers' ad. From what Greg Coniglio found on a US businesses database this is a chain in Northern Alabama only. That would fit WITG, although I cannot locate a 'Davis Highway' in Tuscaloosa.

Kurt Richardson: (unIDs from 8/93 CCI column)

Fri Jun 11 Es 94.1 -"KQXY in Beaumont once used Y-94, but they reportedly changed to 94Q. Maybe they changed back?" -Mike Hawk. (Greg says it is KBUY Amarillo). Sat Jun 12 Es 92.3 -"KJLC is in Rayville LA. They used to be on 92.1." -Mike Hawk. Sat Jun 12 Es 94.1 -"WCKO-AL is 'Oldies 94', but they are out of the PTA." -Mike Hawk.

Saul Chernos: (unIDs from 8/93 CCI column)

Fri Jun 11 Es 95.5 -"KDCK is also 'K95', as well as KNFO (ex KCKR)." -Mike Hawk.

John Combs: (unIDs from 8/93 CCI column)

Fri Jun 18 Es 99.7, 100.9 -"WWIS, WRCO are on the Brewers net." -Mike Hawk.
Thu Jun 24 Es 99.9 -"The View 99.9 fits KVUU-CO, but that is far from the PTA." -M. Hawk.

Fri Jul 2 Es 88.9 -Steven Wiseblood reports 88.9 KLDN 'Red River Radio' in 9/93 SFM.

Mon Jul 5 Es 105.7 -"KXKX Knob Noster MO is on 105.7 using 'Kix Country 105.7.' -M. Hawk.

Mon Jul 5 Es 95.1 -"WYIL, 'How about WIL Kenosha WI? They are album rock.'" -G. Coniglio.

Mon Jul 5 Es 105.5 -"KJ Country", "I heard KILJ Mt. Pleasant IA using that slogan, and that fits the PTA. That is in the Burlington IA area." -G. Coniglio.

Tue Jul 6 Es 103.9 -"KQLA is on 103.9. In fact, they have never been on 103.5 despite what the FM Atlas says." -Mike Hawk. Greg Coniglio also agrees.

Thu Jun 24 Es 97.1 -Frankford is near Belleville; John Combs has ID'd this one as CIGL.

Sat Jun 12 Es 93.5 -"Greg Coniglio and I looked this one up and lo and behold there is a 'Bumble Bee Hollow Golf Center' in Mechanicsburg PA! You must have had WTPA Mechanicsburg; it must SEE them, hi!" -Matt Sittel.

Sat Jun 12 Es 95.9 -"77NS, 'KQNS is album rock. But you mentioned hearing about Monticello Post Office'. This makes me suspect you had WVOS

possibly in Liberty NY, very close to Monticello. (There was a secondary cloud to NY and PA mentioned.)" -Greg Coniglio.

Greg Coniglio: Non Dec 21 '92 Es 99.1 -"Chamnel 99.1" is KSCK in Girard KS. I've heard them 3 times,

all with classic rock." -Mike Hawk.

Tue Jan 6 Es 92.1 -"I confirmed my 'Kansaland' on 92.1 as KNZA Seneca KS. Thank you

Paul Swearingen and Mike Hawk!" -Greg Coniglio.

John Combs: (unIDs from 8/93 CCI)

George Greene and Greg Coniglio have mentioned 'Boss Park Hall' fits 99.7 Pittsburgh.

Doug Allen: (unIDs from 8/93 SFM, and 9/93 SFM)

Wed Jun 16 Es 103.1 WLCG-DePauw Springs IL (was WQHE), 106.9 WERE-Laredo MS. -Greg Matt
Thu Jun 17 Es 88.9 -WKKR, mentioned Elizabethtown. "WKKR Bowling Green." -Greg Coniglio.
Thu Jun 17 Es 95.9 -"WCRL 95.9 is in Carlinville IL." -Greg Coniglio.
Fri Jun 18 Es 97.9 -Calls on 97.9 Wiggins MS: "WUSD". -Greg Coniglio.

Fred Laun: (unIDs from 8/93 VUD)

Thu Jun 24 Es 92.9 -New calls for Punta Gorda FL: "WICK". -Greg Coniglio.

Mike Hawk: (unIDs from 8/93 SFM)

Sat Jul 3 Es 94.3 -WGOR, "new Martinez GA calls, and oldies format (from N St.)" -Greg.
Sun Jun 11 Es 86.1 -WNLJ, "this is new Clarkburg WV." -Greg Coniglio.

Gas Hincusco: (unIDs from 10/93 SFM)

Tue Aug 17 tr 94.9 -Oliver, PA. "Calls are WASP, per N Street 1994." -Greg Coniglio.
Tue Aug 17 tr 90.9 -"This is WCOT Jamestown NY...new station on the air." -Greg Coniglio.
Thu Aug 19 tr 102.9 -"Y-103", "yes Sharon PA uses this slogan." -Greg Coniglio.

Matt Sittel: (unIDs from 8/93 CCI)

Sat Jun 12 Es 92.1 -"Trina BB is on KONO and WIRQ." -Mike Hawk.

Fri Jun 18 Es 94.7 -"94 Dot 7 The Country Giant is WCM Gulliver MI." -G. Rogers & Greg.

Mon Jul 5 Es 91.7 -"Sonida Noventa is XHXL Monterrey NL." -G. Rogers & F. Garcia.

Mon Jul 5 Es 92.7 -"Tejano 93 is KJEZ Laredo TX." -G. Rogers, M. Hawk & F. Garcia!!!

Set Jul 10 Es 94.3 -"KZCD CD County is KZCD Lawton OK." -George Rogers.

Thu Jun 29 97.1 -"Estereo Recuerdo" is XHNL Nuevo Laredo." -Fernando Garcia.

Mon Jul 5 Es 100.9 -"Ciudad Victoria" mentions is XHFDO San Fernando TA. Its

programming originates in 107.9 XHVIC Ciudad Victoria." -F. Garcia.

Mon Jul 5 Es 92.3 -"Radio Tamaulipas", "same as above, Rio Bravo TA. Sorry I have no

calls." -Fernando Garcia (That's okay, thank you for the ID!) -mcs)

Tue Jul 6 Es 91.1 -"KX, "is 'La 91' Santo Domingo (according to WRIH-93)" -F. Garcia.

Tue Jul 6 Es 97.1 -"Jamaica, "JRC in Coopers Hill, 3.5MW" -Fernando Garcia.

oops, forgot an unID from Alan Hillmaker up in Centralia IL...
?????? tr 96.7 -0606 local time, 'WOD', k format.

Time now for a 'CCI Helper', here's Doug Smith...

"It may not be common knowledge among Divers lucky enough not to have them for locals but...there's more than one flavor of Home Shopping Network. Knowing which is which may be the difference between a positive logging and another unID. The 'Home Shopping Club' is a general-merchandise service. You can tell it by the phone number (1-800-284-3200) and the color of the little house in the corner-- it's blue on HSC. HSN's owned-and-operated stations (the ones with 'HS' in the callsigns) carry this service. The other service is the "Home Shopping Spree". It sells mostly clothing and jewelry, and can be distinguished by a red house, and the phone number 1-800-284-3400. In cities with more than one Home Shopping station (Chicago, for example), the second station usually carries this program. By the way, several religious stations in the South (notably, WHTN-39 and WLGN-19) have been observed carrying HSC on Saturday and Sunday afternoons."

Thanks, Doug! I have noticed WFGL-55 Fort Walton Beach FL runs shopping in the early AM before religious programming. WPAN-53 runs ValueVision 24-hours a day (back on the air, I'm sure Mike Hollis isn't happy about that one...) over there too, wow, it is almost a 'shopping city' on the UHF dial there! Doug also mentions Fernando's unID ch35 with an ID of 'CBS-6' is "almost certainly WMLB-35 Miami." (7/93 VUD, logged 4/16/93, 2157 LT).

Doug also says Dave Nieman's logging of a ch64 HSC (5/12/93, 1424 EDT) not // ch61 Cleveland could be W64B Columbus OH or W64BM Toledo. Neither has ever been reported to the VUD..." (until the 10/93 VUD! Greg Coniglio got W64BM, and I was there to help!) In addition Doug Allen's 106.5 WLSN logging is Greenville OH, says Doug. Thanks Doug for your help! I am very happy to see such help with others'unIDs! In some cases 2 or even 3 people wrote in with an ID; thanks to all of you. Remember to send your unIDs here.

Greg has mailed me some that he has gotten in his column. When you do that you make Greg

have to do extra work, so save him some time and trouble; that's why this column is here, specifically for your unIDs! Happy holidays to everyone! 73's Matt.

(Remember, you can also send your reports via e-mail; in fact it's easier for me! But of course USPO works too! Just send in your unIDs!)